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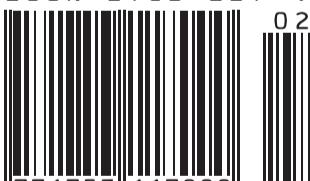
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THESE are the remarkable before and after pictures of a woman who lost more than half her body weight to be crowned Slimmer of the Year. Mother-of-two Gillian Harvey, 25, from Kennington, shed 12st 7lbs to win the Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness magazine award. FULL STORY - PAGE 3

■ BY ED HILL

NOTORIOUS winter vomiting bug the norovirus forced two wards at the William Harvey to be shut down as medical chiefs struggled to prevent the highly contagious illness from spreading.

With the number of outbreaks nationally already double that of last year, it is feared the start of 2008 will see more people fall victim to the bug than at any point in the last five years.

And the William Harvey has been one of the worst affected hospitals in the county, with bosses shutting the Cambridge and Kings wards last week. One still remained shut last night.

Special 'deep cleaning' procedures have been rolled out in a bid to eradicate the germs, while those who suspect they are going down with the illness are being advised not to visit their GP and to stay off work for 48 hours after the symptoms have passed.

Infection control manager Debbie Weston said: "Ashford has been affected more than other hospitals in the East Kent Hospital Trust.

"Some patients in the infected wards have got it and some haven't, but we have to treat everyone as infected as it is so contagious."

"Closing the wards prevents unnecessary visits and means patients are not moved out of the ward. Other than that it's just about observing normal hygiene procedures such as wearing a mask and gown when dealing with patients and ensuring everyone observes the hand-washing routine."

Nationally, around a quarter of hospitals have been forced to shut some wards to cope with the crisis.

Mrs Weston said: "It can be very nasty for some

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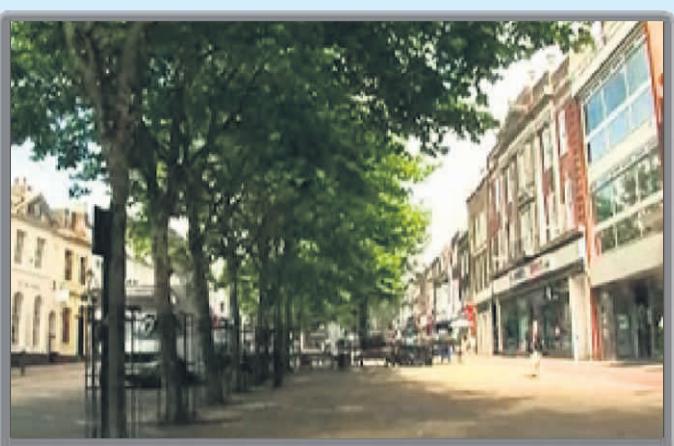
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# Stella career is celebrated with an MBE

■ BY ED HILL

STELLA Critchley has paid tribute to friends and colleagues after their nominations led to her being awarded an MBE for her work with the Ashford Youth Theatre.

The fundraiser and administrator was named in the New Year's Honours List for her tireless efforts with the theatre group, which stretches back to its formation 25 years ago.

Now she hopes the gong will further raise the profile of the group and help spawn more talents like that of Shane Taylor, 33, who starred in World War Two drama Band of Brothers, and who attended the group when he was at South Kent College.

Mrs Critchley said: "I got a letter a few weeks ago. To get an MBE was a complete surprise. I was astonished. I am very pleased, especially for the youth theatre because it gives the body more credibility."

Mrs Critchley was recommended for the award by her colleagues who work with the group.

She said: "The process apparently takes around two years but I knew nothing about it. It was so good of them to think of me."

The youth theatre will be celebrating its 25th year this year and currently has around 40 members aged from 15. It has staged many productions around the town, in many different venues.

Mrs Critchley said: "We usually put on around two major productions a year but we are involved in lots of other smaller events.

"The idea behind the youth theatre is that it is the young people involved who make the decisions. They choose which productions they want to put on and how they are going to stage them."

The somewhat nomadic group is



**SURPRISE:** Stella Critchley hopes MBE will help raise Ashford Youth Theatre's profile

based at the Old Coach Works in Dover Place, which is due to be pulled down in three years.

Mrs Critchley said: "It is a great space because it is very flexible. It might be nice some time to have a venue that we could permanently use. We just need a simple flexible space. We could help to maintain it and it would be beneficial to other groups."

Now she hopes more young talent will emerge to follow in the footsteps of the likes of Shane Taylor: "I knew he was special from the start but he had no idea at first he had this wonderful talent."

"Hopefully this award will raise the profile and help raise the respect of our group. We really are doing work that is tremendously maturing for young people."

## Elderly at risk of dehydration

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people. There are lots of reasons people might have diarrhoea or vomiting, but with this it's very sudden, like turning on a tap. The vomiting is extremely profuse, often described as projectile.

"Once the first 24 hours are over, some people start to feel better, but it leaves them feeling drained for a few days afterwards."

There is no specific treatment for the virus, which can last up to three days. Elderly patients, at risk of dehydration, are sometimes given fluids intravenously, but otherwise it is often a case of riding it out.

Deep cleaning procedures were rolled out in order to prevent infection recurring and at the time of going to press it was hoped the remaining ward would be back in business this week. The wards can reopen 72 hours after the last outbreak.

Just yesterday, Canterbury's Kent and Canterbury Hospital was also forced to close two wards as the bug spread across the county.

The advice given to patients by doctors is to rest while they have the infection and to drink plenty of fluids to replace that lost through being sick.

Business leaders are also bracing themselves for a dent in the local economy as staff go sick. It is estimated the UK economy will lose £12m per week in lost productivity and the NHS £100m because of cancelled operations and staff sickness.

A spokesman for the local Chamber of Commerce said: "We have not had full feedback yet from local firms, but, anecdotally, we have heard of problems with people being sick with this."

"It's too early at this stage to say what the impact will be."

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Car stolen while owner unpacked

AN UNLUCKY motorist had her car stolen while she was unloading her luggage after the Christmas break.

The owner had unlocked the car so she could unload it and left the keys in the kitchen of her home in Hamstreet.

But a crook stole the keys and other items, before driving off in the car parked in Village Way. The crime took place on New Year's Day.

The vehicle is a green Honda Jazz, registration number GLO3 CSU.

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# Prime site awaits planning go-ahead

## Wasteland to be transformed if it gets green light

■ BY ED HILL

PROPOSALS to develop land close to Victoria Road will be put forward to the town's planning committee tonight.

And if they get the green light it could pave the way for a major redevelopment of the piece of prime land close to the international station.

The outline application includes plans for 355 one and two bedroom homes, shops, restaurants and even a 119-bedroom hotel.

### Plans

Although there are as yet no firm plans to breathe new life into the site, if planning permission is granted in principle, it will mean developers can start putting forward concrete proposals.

The scheme was last considered by the planning committee in June 2006, but went back to the drawing board to refine pedestrian and traffic issues.

Dean Spurrell, spokesman for Ashford council, said: "This is really permission for land use. We are still in the process of deciding what the best use of this land will be."



PRIME LOCATION: The view from Victoria Road looking across towards Ashford International station and the site (inset)

"This is an important area of the town. It is possible that this land could be part of the Learning Campus.

"Because there has been such a gap since the last time the scheme was put before the committee, this is a really a reminder for them, because there have been many new changes that affect that part of the town."

The original plans included a subway that would have connected the site to the international station.

However, this is no longer deemed essential

to the scheme now the junction with Beaver Road will be controlled by traffic signals, instead of an enlarged roundabout.

The proposals are being re-submitted to the planning committee because of changes that have been made to the design of the road scheme.

The scheme also includes requirements for a green corridor along the river and plans for a cycle way link.

Twenty per cent of the housing will have to be made up of affordable homes. There are also suggestions for a play area and a floodlit sports pitch.

## A fun day in front of bike sheds

MAYOR Rita Hawes will officially open the new bike sheds at Towers School this morning.

The school is one of 12 in the borough taking part in the Bike It project, managed by sustainable transport charity Sustrans, which looks to encourage youngsters to choose two-wheels instead of four for their journey to school.

### Prizes

As part of the project, students have taken part in a competition to design an official logo and poster. The event will see prizes awarded to the winners.

Sustrans Bike It officer, Simon Allum, said: "The bike shelters are a massive hit and are already regularly full of bikes. In fact they are so successful we have started looking into ways of getting more."

Yvonne Freeman, business manager at the school, added: "We promote cycling as a healthy and environmentally friendly way of getting to school and we are delighted to see how many of our students are now opting to use this means of transport."

## Gillian beats battle of bulge to win award

■ BY ED HILL

A WOMAN who lost more than half her body weight on a get-fit kick has been named Slimmer of the Year.

Mother-of-two Gillian Harvey, 25, from Kennington, shed a whopping 12st 7lbs - dropping from a size 32 to size 14.

Ms Harvey, who used to weigh a scale-busting 24st 12lb, is now just 12st 5lb after losing a total of 88 inches from all over her body - including five inches from each of her upper arms.

And her remarkable slim-down resulted in her being crowned Slimmer of the Year by the Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness magazine at a plush London hotel.

She told Yourashford: "My confidence was extremely low

because I was 25 stone and fast approaching my 25th birthday. My weight had reached the stage when I was embarrassed to look people in the eye.

"Before I lost the weight I had a lot of other health problems. By losing the weight I hope it will help."

Ms Harvey was helped in her weight loss plans by the local Rosemary Conley slimming club. And it was the fitness queen herself who presented the slimmer with her award - plus £2,000 top prize and £500 worth of vouchers.

Ms Harvey added: "I've always been supported by my family and had a good group of friends so I kind of ignored my weight issues."

"It was when I was in labour with my daughter and seeing the worry on my doctor's face which made me want to do something about it."

## Decision due on plans to build at old barracks

THE site of the former Templar Barracks on Maidstone Road is set for major redevelopment if planners give the go-ahead to the building of a number of new homes tonight.

The borough's planning officer has recommended proposals for 14 new homes be given the green light after an application was received by house builders George Wimpey and Persimmon Homes - and said more should follow.

The mixture of flats and town houses, will be designed along a military theme, to reflect the site's history.

And it seems set to pave the way for more development on the site as the town seeks more space for the homes it is committed to building.

The former barracks is the largest brownfield site in Ashford.

In his report to the planning committee the planning officer recommends the development of the site should now proceed as swiftly as possible to help generate the number of homes within the Ashford local plan.

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## Lucky escape from house fire

FAULTY Christmas lights sparked a blaze in Lower Denmark Road which firefighters said was lucky not to turn into tragedy.

The fire broke out on Thursday at 10.30pm after lights wound around a timber-framed bookshelf ignited.

Brigade watch manager Mark Thomas said: "This family are very lucky to have escaped unhurt. Thankfully, the fire was discovered by the occupants before it had time to develop into a serious blaze, but it did cause quite substantial smoke damage to the ground floor of the building."

"The family did have a smoke alarm fitted in the property but the batteries had been taken out. This is why we would like to remind everyone of the importance of having smoke alarms fitted on every level of their home."

"Remember to make sure that they are working by testing your smoke alarm weekly and changing the batteries yearly."

## Road works traffic warning

ACCESS for cars to the town centre is going to be disrupted for the next two weeks.

Bank Street, High Street and North Street will all be affected by traffic restrictions while work to the junction of Tufton Street and Bank Street is completed.

Traffic will now only be able to access those streets via Park Street. North Street, Bank Street and the High Street will be made two-way while the junction with Tufton Street is closed.

Pedestrian access to the town centre will remain unchanged and signs will be erected warning pedestrians that traffic will be running in both directions.

The changes begin on January 7.

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Motors TV star Steve Loader checks out an iPod on four wheels

# Scheme helps boot trouble into touch

■ BY ED HILL

CHAMPIONSHIP side Charlton Athletic's community football schemes are hitting the back of the net when it comes to making a difference in areas plagued with anti-social behaviour.

And in some cases it has sent the number of anti-social incidents plummeting by more than 30 per cent.

The Charlton Athletic Community Solution Trust has been introduced in areas around the county, using the South London club's reputation to draw in youngsters to channel their energies through sport.

Coordinating coach for South Kent, Andrew Wood, said: "Young people often find there is little to do in their local areas and because of that they often find their way into involvement with drugs and drink and all the problems that can cause."

The scheme sets up regular weekly evening sessions at sports grounds in the targeted areas.

Mr Wood said: "We run seven sessions a week in Ashford alone, in places such as Stanhope, Wye and Kennington."

As well as setting up the evening sessions, the scheme also goes into schools to help children who may be close to exclusion and in centres where children are temporarily out of the school system.

Mr Wood said: "We work with the teachers who know the children that are having difficulties. Many kids are into football anyway so it is a good point of contact with them. I think



FAN BASE: Charlton Athletic's community football schemes have in some cases sent the number of anti-social incidents plummeting by more than 30 per cent

because they don't see us as figures of authority we can communicate more easily with them."

The scheme has been a real success in some areas. In parts of Dover there has been a 35 per cent drop in anti-social behaviour where the project is operating.

Mr Wood said: "In Stanhope, when the young people are with us there is a massive drop in the level of trouble. We have been getting between 50-100 people for each session."

"The Stanhope sessions are some of our favourite ones because we have a good facility there and the coaches and the kids really enjoy it."

The scheme is funded by local authorities, police and local businesses. The scheme in Wye is funded by the parish council.

Mr Wood said: "Often while the football is happening we have workshops the players can attend which might be about issues such as drugs, drink and things that they come across in everyday life. Of course this takes a period of time we have to build up a relationship of trust with the young people first."

The scheme is hoping to expand when it begins its new sessions on January 14.

For more details contact Andrew Wood on 07958 526 712.



MISSING: 46-year-old Roy Bridger, last seen a year ago

## One year on, and charity renews appeal for missing 46-year-old

THE charity Missing People has renewed an appeal for information regarding a man who went missing a year ago.

Roy Bridger, who was 46 on January 3, was last seen in Ashford on December 30, 2006.

He is described as 5ft 5in tall, slim build with black hair and brown eyes.

The charity said that despite

extensive inquiries, there had been no news of Mr Bridger and his current whereabouts remained a mystery.

Missing People's spokesman Brian Cowan said: "We urge anyone with news regarding Roy's disappearance to contact the charity on our 24-hour free phone number. All calls are confidential.

"Roy can also call our confi-

dential service on 0800 700 740 where he can leave a message reassuring his loved ones of his wellbeing that we can forward on his behalf.

"He does not have to say where he is."

As part of its renewed appeal, Missing People has included Mr Bridger on its online 'missing map' available at [www.missing-people.org.uk/map](http://www.missing-people.org.uk/map).

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# Tiny collection was one to watch at top auction

THEY are just a few centimetres long and collected over two generations.

And when they turned up at an auction in Tenterden last year they raised more than a few eyebrows.

But when the unusual items, pictured below, went under the hammer at a top London auction house last month they more than doubled their estimate and brought a mighty piece of New Year good cheer to their owner.

Because a large collection of the tiny watch keys – each averaging just a little over an inch in length – made a whopping £9,240 at Bonhams' Fine Watch sale in London.

And for the mystery collector who lives near Canterbury, the good news didn't end there.

A very rare Swiss pocket watch, engraved with the Egyptian Khedival crown, sold for a

■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

staggering £6,580.

The collection was originally discovered during a fundraising valuation day for the National Trust, at Smallhythe Place, last year.

Bonhams' regional valuer from Whitstable, Christopher Hodgson, describes how he came across the collection: "Smallhythe is a super venue and we always get some interesting finds. We'd already had a good day and then the watch keys came in, which were a real delight.

"They are miniature works of art in their own right, many made from gold with the addition of semi-precious stones and lots of quirky designs, including one which looked like an early gun and another one in the form of a horse's hoof."

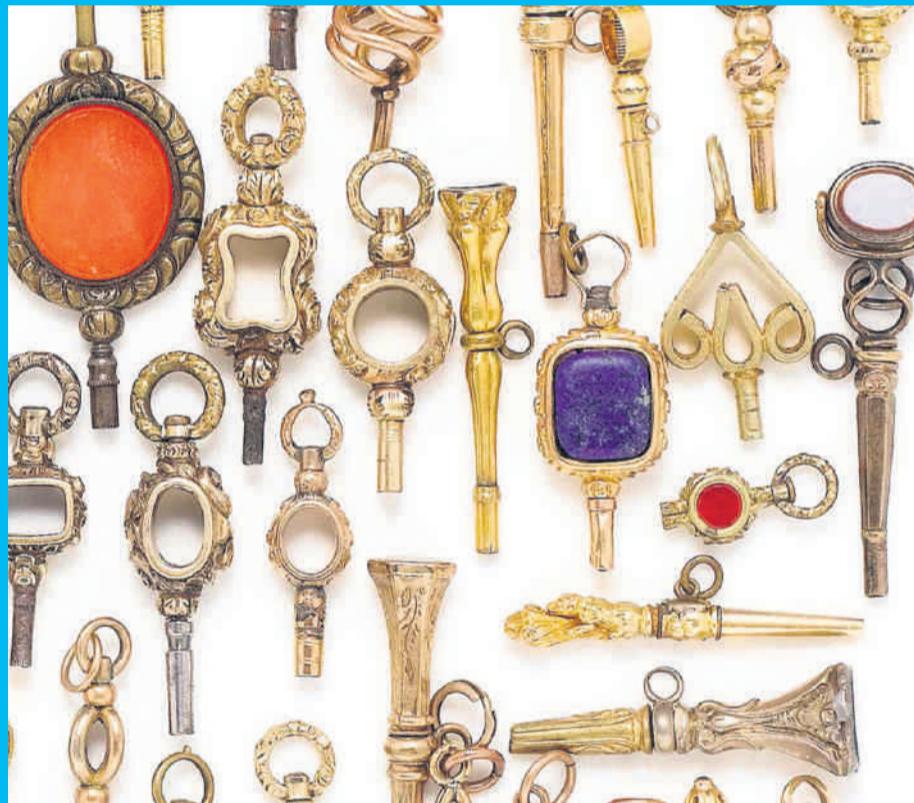
The watch keys, which dated from the 17th

century onwards, would have originally been sold as a gentleman's luxury accessory.

James Stratton, a specialist from Bonhams' clocks and watches department in London, says: "As well as being very attractive objects some of these keys were rather cleverly designed – the innovative 'tippy' key for instance, has a special safety mechanism which only allows you to turn the key in one direction, which prevents you from breaking your prized pocket watch."

The woman who had the collection has asked not to be identified. However, it is understood she inherited many of the items from her mother who had been gathering the collection over many years.

Mr Hodgson told us: "The keys sold in two lots, both with estimates of between £2,000-3,000 – so clearly they far exceeded that. It is very rare to see such a large collection and a real treat to see such a remarkable find."



## UNLOCKING A FORTUNE

THEY may be small, but they pack a pricey punch. These are the tiny watch keys which sold at Bonhams recently.

James Stratton, a specialist from the London auction house, said: "In the 18th and 19th centuries, pocket watches were sold with fairly basic steel keys and these ornate keys would have been bought as an additional accessory by fashionable gentlemen. Later the keys became collectors' objects in their own right."

## Help recognise NHS's best

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The annual event aims to reward the caring workers who continue to play a huge role in changing the lives of their patients.

The Unsung Heroes award recognises staff such as porters, secretaries, receptionists, caterers or voluntary workers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure patients'

hospital stays are as pleasant as possible.

Other awards up for grabs include the health and social care professional of the year, open to nurses, midwives, GPs, consultants, therapists, social workers, dentists and pharmacists, and the mental health and wellbeing award, recognising those who improve the quality of life of patients with mental health problems.

Get nomination forms from GP's practices, health clinics and social services offices and [www.southeastcoastbestofhealth.nhs.uk](http://www.southeastcoastbestofhealth.nhs.uk). Closing date for nominations is Friday, February 1. Call 01293 847051.

## Hunt for gang

POLICE are hunting a gang of men who beat up a 24-year-old man shortly after he left a town centre pub.

The victim had just left the Phoenix pub in Tufton Street just after midnight on December 22 when he was approached by four men aged in their mid to late twenties.

He was dragged into Churchyard Passage and left with facial injuries.

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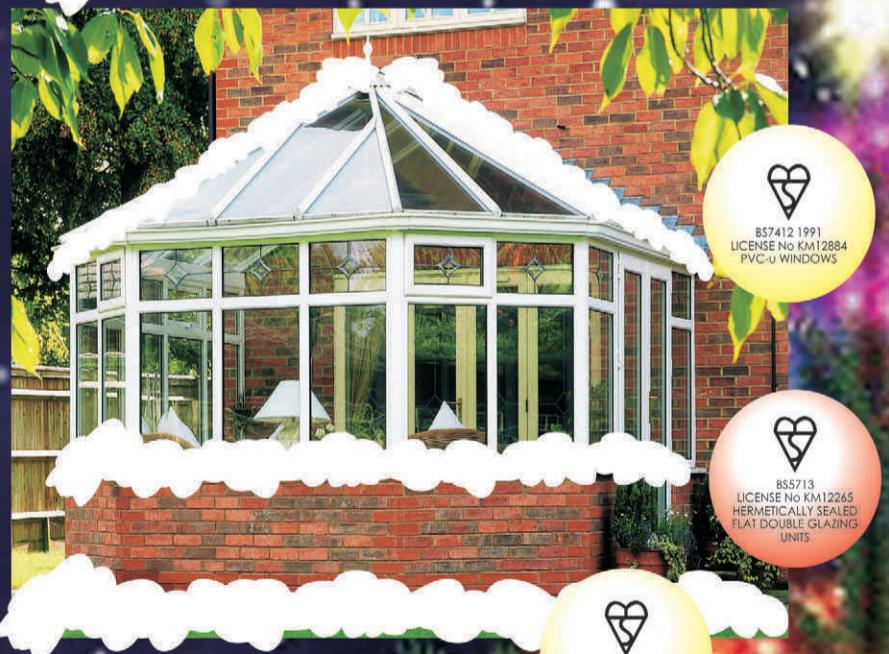
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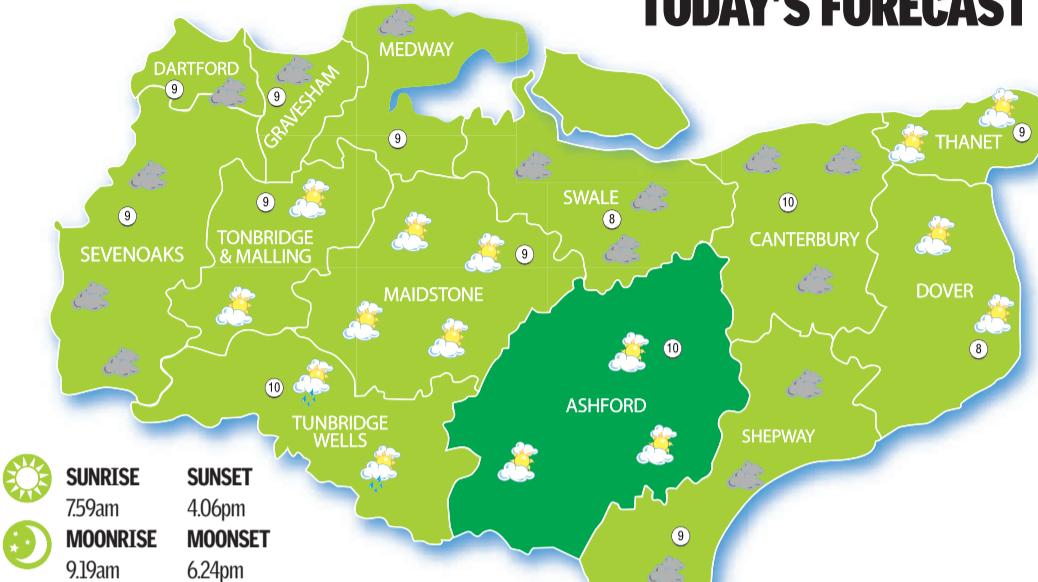
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<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	11:33am	6.2m
	Sunday	12:09pm	6.3m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	11:33am	7.2m
	Sunday	12:06pm	7.3m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	12:03pm	4.7m
	Sunday	12:39pm	4.8m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	1:14pm	5.5m
	Sunday	1:51pm	5.6m
<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	1:19pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:56pm	5.1m

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	10°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	9°C	Gravesend	9°C	12°C	10°C	7°C	10°C
Canterbury	9°C	11°C	10°C	8°C	9°C	Maidstone	9°C	12°C	11°C	7°C	10°C
Chatham	10°C	12°C	9°C	7°C	11°C	Ramsgate	9°C	11°C	10°C	8°C	9°C
Dartford	9°C	12°C	10°C	7°C	10°C	Rochester	10°C	12°C	9°C	7°C	11°C
Dover	10°C	10°C	9°C	9°C	8°C	Sevenoaks	8°C	10°C	8°C	6°C	8°C
Faversham	10°C	12°C	9°C	7°C	11°C	Sittingbourne	10°C	12°C	9°C	7°C	11°C
Folkestone	10°C	10°C	9°C	9°C	8°C	Tonbridge	9°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	9°C
Gillingham	10°C	12°C	9°C	7°C	11°C	Tun Wells	9°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	9°C

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Gibraltar	17°C	Vancouver	5°C
Hong Kong	23°C	Warsaw	0°C
Las Palmas	20°C	Wellington	21°C

## Compensation awarded over food poisoning

A TEACHER who suffered food poisoning which triggered a heart attack has been awarded £130,000 after a lengthy legal battle. Graham Morgan-Smith, 48, was living in Ashford when he and his wife Deborah went on holiday to Sicily.

While there he fell victim to salmonella. A fortnight after returning to the UK he was rushed to hospital with chest pains, where he suffered a heart attack.

Despite recovering, his illness led to a nervous breakdown and he was forced to retire early. After moving his family to Malaga in Spain he has finally succeeded in winning compensation from UK tour operator JMC.

A spokesman for Thomas Cook, which owns JMC, said: "The company would like to stress that this was an isolated case and that we received no other reports from guests."

## Man attacked in park

TWO youths in hoodies are being hunted by police following an attack in Victoria Park.

The victim, a 24-year-old man, was passing the fountain in the park at around 4pm on Thursday, January 3, as he made his way towards Jemmott Road, but as he did so he was pushed from behind by two men. He fell to his knees and cash was taken from him.

Both offenders are described as white, male, 5ft 8in tall, medium build, and wearing dark coloured hoodies. They ran off towards the bowling centre and car park.

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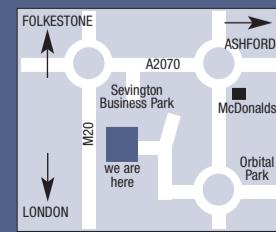


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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### STEVE LOVELL



**Q & A**

Ashford Town FC boss Steve Lovell talks to **Ed Hill** about the club, its supporters and how he hopes to guide them up the non-league pyramid and into the Conference within the next five years.

**Q** What did you know about Ashford Town FC before you were asked to be manager?

**A** Quite a lot really, having played for the club a few years ago there were certain people who are still at the club, especially amongst the supporters.

Quite a lot of the players have played against the teams I have managed in the past and, of course, I know director Don Crosbie from my time at Gillingham.

**Q** Have you had a chance to see much of the town yet? What do you think of it?

**A** With my work with Gillingham in the community, it has given me the chance to work in Ashford, so I have seen quite a lot of the town. It is an area that is developing all the time and becoming one of the most progressive towns in Kent.

**Q** What do you think of the supporters trying to run the club like at Ebbsfleet United? What are the Ashford supporters like?

**A** I think that supporters should have a say in the club and be actively involved but there should be a level as to where this should go.

I think that a regular fans' forum meeting with the management team is a good idea and will help with understanding in how the club is run on and off the pitch.

The Ashford supporters are very loyal and enthusiastic and I want to try and bring some of this spirit to the club on the playing side of

things. If we can do this then Ashford Town can once again be a successful club.

**Q** What are your ambitions for Ashford Town?

**A** I have come to take Ashford as far as the club wants to go and that is Conference football in the next five years.

I have always been a very ambitious man and that is the reason I have come to this club. It will take some time to settle but I am determined to make it work.

**Q** Are there too many foreign players in the Premiership and what role does a club like Ashford have in finding new talent?

**A** No, I think the foreign players have helped our national game and made football very exciting in this country.

Hopefully, in the future Ashford will start to produce home-grown young players through working with local schools and youth teams and progress them through to the first team.

**Q** You are a former Wales international player. Do you envy the amount that modern day players are paid? Does money affect the passion players have for the game?

**A** No, I don't envy modern players but money shouldn't affect your passion for the game. If you have a group of players who are passionate about their football you have a recipe for success.

This is what I want to bring to the players here at Ashford Town.

**Q** What do you think of schemes such as that run by Charlton Athletic and Ashford council to help youngsters out of trouble and into football? How did you first get involved in the game?

**A** I do football work in the community so I am very aware of the importance of these schemes.

The young people love the involvement of coaches and really enjoy the sessions that are put on in the area.

My father was a professional player so it was obvious from an early age that I was going to follow him down the same path.

I first began playing football at school. I then played club football. I then moved on to be an area representative player and county footballer and finally I made it to the national team.

**Q** Did you have any childhood heroes?

**A** George Best is the only one I can remember because of his skill and personality on the pitch.

**Q** Do you have any interests outside football?

**A** I have a big family; my wife Mary and children Katie, 17, Nicholas, 19, Mark 24, and Jonathan, 26. I also have two grandchildren Charlie, seven, and Ben, five, so I don't have a lot of spare time on my hands.

However, if I can get time I do love to play a game of golf. I play off a handicap of five.

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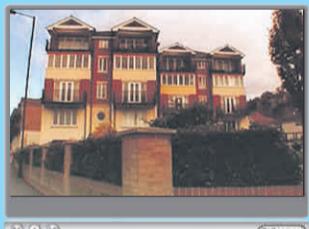
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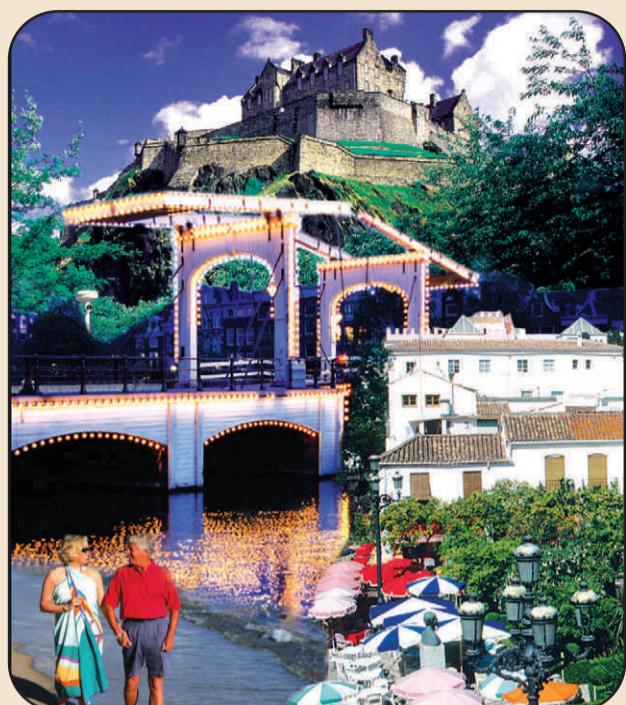
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# Feel GR8 in 2008

IT'S the nation's biggest hang up in the New Year – just how do I lose all those extra Christmas pounds?

Most of us hit the gym or begin a rigorous exercise regime.

However that effort could end in disaster if wannabe fitness fanatics don't look after themselves before they start to sweat.

That's the warning from a top Kent physiotherapist, who is urging all New Year gym users to adopt her GR8 stretch plan to help them avoid injuries and get fitter.

Chartered physiotherapist Alison Boorer has adapted an eight point stretch plan for anyone hoping to battle the bulge or up their fitness levels in the next few weeks.

Alison recommends the moves to anyone of any age, male or female, who is throwing themselves into a new fitness regime.

The five minute routine, which loosens key muscles in the body, is easily understood and can be followed from the quick guide pictured.

Alison, who runs the Bromley Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic in Sundridge Park, is rolling out the plan across the county from next week.

She admitted: "It's fantastic that we really get motivated in January to get fit. However it's all too easy to throw yourself in too hard and fast, and then hurt yourself.

"I have developed this plan to help many of

my patients ease their muscles and joints into the demands of a new exercise regime.

"These stretches can be performed both before and after exercise sessions.

"Some of my patients actually stretch themselves fitter and many have noticed a real difference in their fatigue levels and muscle pain after workouts.

"With each stretch taking just 30 seconds, this is as valuable as your workout."

Alison recommends that all wannabe David Beckhams or Paula Radcliffes prepare for their fitness assault with these few easy steps.

She adds: "By taking a few simple steps to prepare for any new activity, any grumbling injuries can be resolved or avoided all together.

"This means less people give up at the first hurdle and are able to achieve their fitness goals in 2008.

"Other key pointers I recommend are starting out slowly to give you time to adapt to the new experience, make sure you have the correct footwear on and drink plenty of water as dehydration increases the chance of injury."

Boorer added: "These eight basic stretches can be more specific to suit your particular sport by consulting your local chartered physio."

For more details about the GR8 plan contact Alison at her clinic at [info@bromleyphysio.co.uk](mailto:info@bromleyphysio.co.uk), or see [bromleyphysio.co.uk](http://bromleyphysio.co.uk).

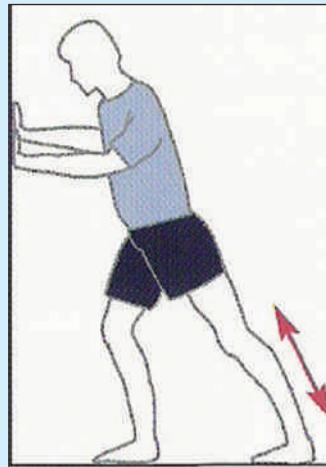
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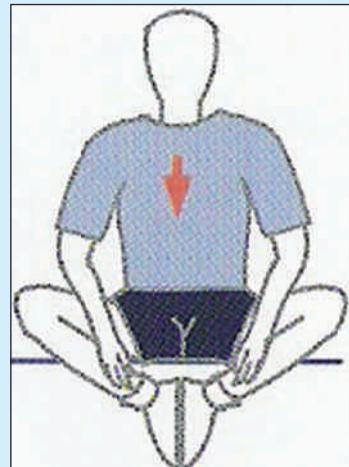
Nick Ames meets up with fitness instructor (and personal trainer to Leonardo DiCaprio) Cornel Chin, who shows him how to lose the pounds he gained over the Christmas period.

On a lighter note, here's Graham B's alternative diet plan for 2008. Results guaranteed!

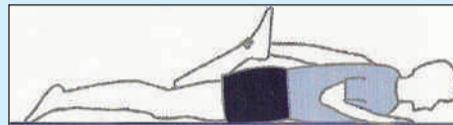
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1. Standing as left, with feet pointing forwards and heels on the floor. Bend the front knee and straighten the back knee. You should feel the stretch in the calf of the back leg.



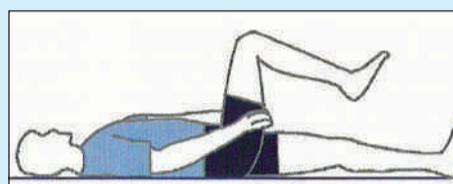
5. Sit with the soles of your feet together, and grasp both ankles. Keeping your back straight, gently lean forwards and you should begin to feel a stretch in the inside of your thighs.



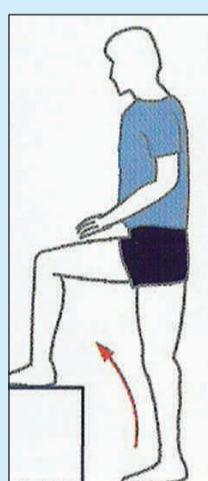
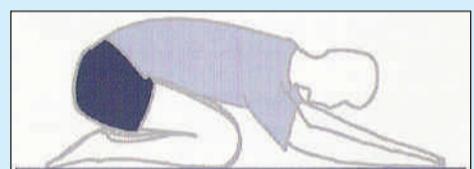
2. Lying on your front, bend your knee and keep hold of the ankle. Gently bring the heel towards your bottom. You should feel the stretch down the front of the thigh.



6. Stand up straight with your hands clasped behind your back. Push your chest forwards, and squeeze your shoulder blades together so that your shoulders are pulled backwards. You should feel a stretch across the upper chest and shoulders.



3. Lying on your back, bend the hip and the knee of the leg to be stretched. Gently straighten the knee until a stretch is felt down the back of the thigh.



4. Place your foot on a block, or a step. Keeping your back and back leg straight, take your weight forward over the toes of the front foot. You should begin to feel a stretch in buttock of the front leg. If not use a slightly higher block/step.



8. Lie on your back, with your hips and knees bent allowing your feet to sit flat on the floor. Keeping your shoulders flat on the floor gently drop your knees drop over to the left, if comfortable down to the floor, and then back over to the right. Hold each position for about 20 seconds.

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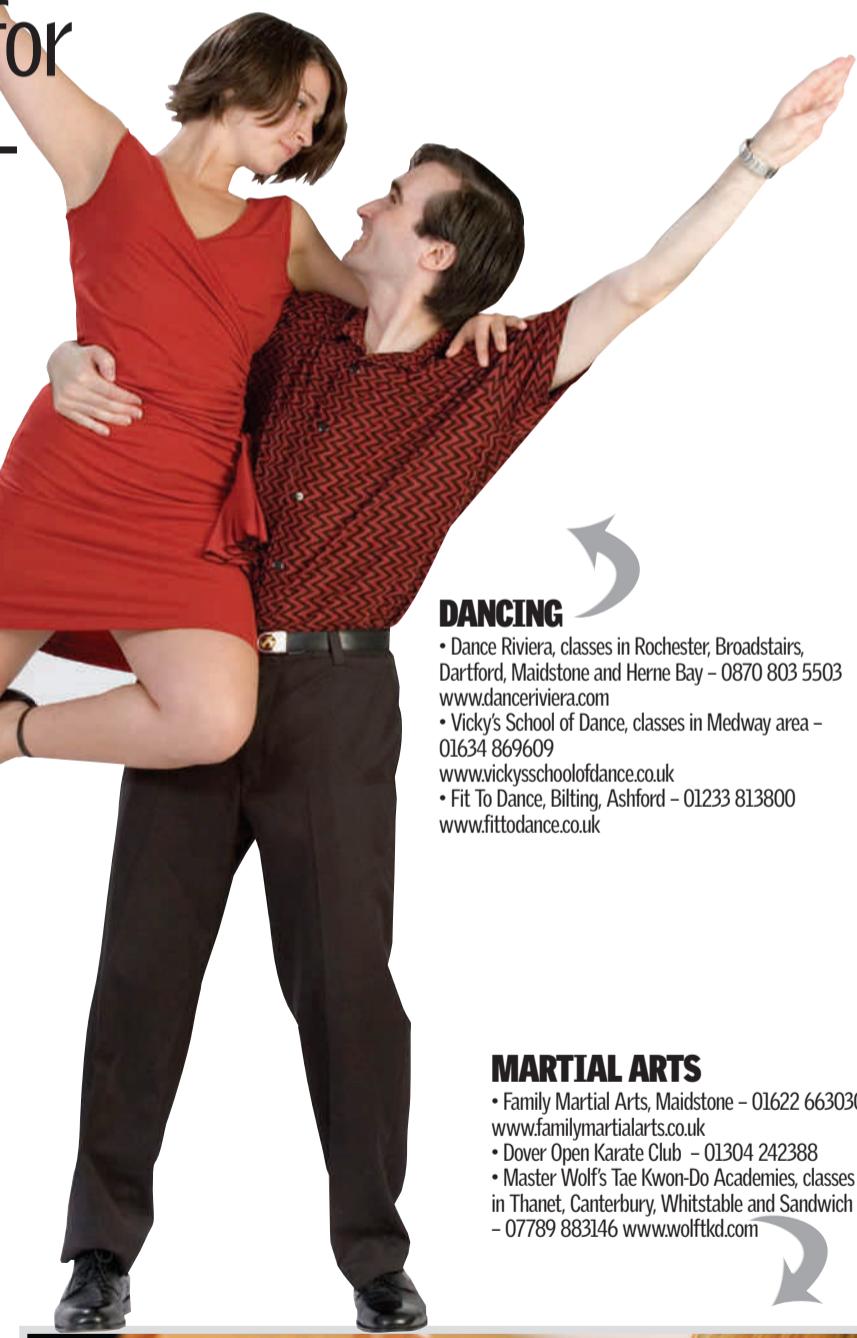
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TO help consumers make the New Year a better and more compassionate one, animal welfare organisation Naturewatch has launched the 11th edition of the Compassionate Shopping Guide.

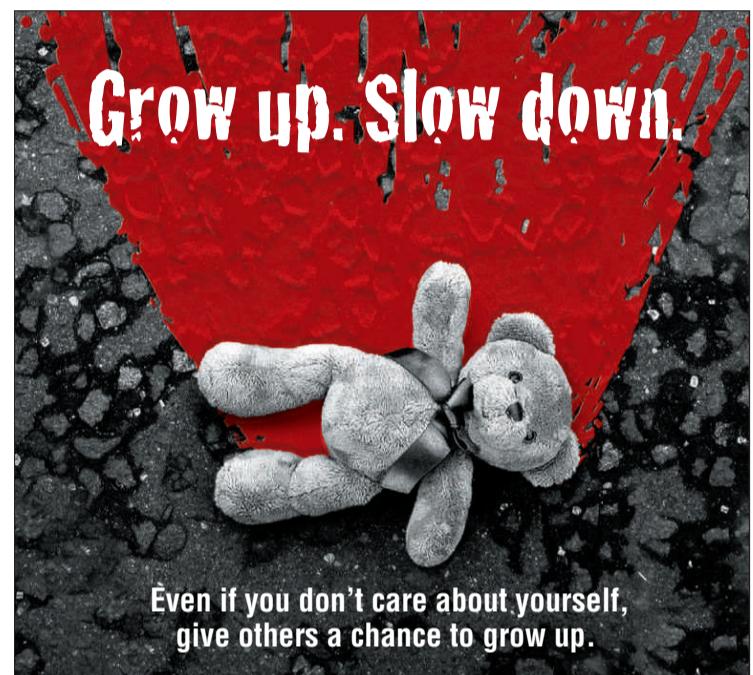
The 80-page, handbag size, guide shows how consumers can choose beauty, personal care and household products that have not been tested on animals.

It clearly lists which products have been developed using animal testing, and covers most personal and household brands in the UK.

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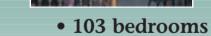
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Crystal, 24, Brunette, blue eyes, petite, likes music, art, films, swimming, country walks, WLTM friendly guy for friendship maybe more. Box 432236 **T**

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### TRY NEW THINGS

Mum of 1, I'm 5'4", blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH. I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559 **T P**

### R U THE 1?

Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'13, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship leading to more. Box 433637 **T P**

### LOVING TOUCH

39y old single mum, own house, 5'7", brown hair, seeking a kind-hearted man for companionship. Box 433637 **T P**

### NOT FOOTBALL CRAZY

Divorced, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", loving staying in, cinema, looking for a thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332 **T**

### TRUST MATTERS

Independent, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest, loyal male to share life. Box 901771 **T P**

### YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL

Bubbly 40y old male, enjoy beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTM friendly-minded, caring male to share fun times. Box 435102 **T**

### A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

Single parent of 4 kids, 35, 5'6", loving, brown hair with blue eyes, looking for friendly guy for friendship and maybe more. Box 900447 **T**

### YOURS FOREVER!

Active, affectionate female, 35, 5'13, blonde, blue eyes, likes cinema, walking, cycling, swimming, watching wrestling, WLTM tall, dark & handsome bloke. Box 430392 **T**

### NICE SMILE???

Single 36y old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cutesy build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431266 **T**

### FOOTBALL FANATIC

Deaf-based lady, 43, divorced, blonde, green eyes, 5'10", likes cinema, walking, pub, clubs, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 **T P**

### SMOOTH MOVE

Kind, caring, genuine person, 43, love music, outdoors, good conversations, looking for friendship initially and maybe more. Box 898448 **T**

### PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!

Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out. WLTM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 165367 **T**

### READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTM N/S male to share things with. Box 429682 **T**

### WHERE R U?

Sincere, reliable woman, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, community worker, loves horse riding, travelling, cooking, looking for my soul mate. Box 428689 **T**

### A FINE ROMANCE

Pleasant female, 43, medium/large, blue-green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wine, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071 **T**

### NICE AND LOVING

44y old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone Box 431448 **T**

### TIME TO SETTLE DOWN

Romantic woman, 45, likes good things in life, WLTM special, good-looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511 **T**

### KNOW HOW TO TREAT A LADY?

Blonde, attractive female, 46, 5'5", slim, GSOH, seeking good-looking, slim, kind, trendy male, 35-45, with a GSOH, and fantastic personality. Sheeress. Box 432196 **T**

### I DREAM OF DISTRICTY!

Attractive, homely, caring 55y old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928 **T**

### SEEKING SPONTANEITY

Outgoing, slim, petite, active female, 55, enjoys socialising, most music, visiting sights, seeing shows in London, seeking a sincere guy, to share life with, GSOH essential. Box 432196 **T**

### DO YOU SCRUB UP?

Modern, professional, classy, loyal female, early 50s, 5'4", blonde, medium build, enjoys countryside, WLTM gent, 45-58, smart appearance, for friendship, relationship. Box 225500 **T**

### COULD IT BE MAGIC?

Single mum of 2, 37, caring and loving, 5'4", slim blonde hair, blue eyes, GSOH, enjoys most things in life. Box 898868 **T**

### THE FULL TREATMENT

36y old nurse, enjoys fun and laughter, travel, nights in/out, music, dancing, reading, theatre. Seeking man for company, maybe more. East Kent Box 912176 **T**

### NEW TO THE AREA

Happy, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soul mate. Box 433559 **T**

### MISSING MALE COMPANY

Chatty female, 36, 5'4", single mum, blonde, slim, likes pubs, clubs, going out, having fun, seeks male, for fun nights out and giggles. Rochester. Box 372889 **T P**

### SECURE FUTURE

Honest, caring lady, attractive, from Tunbridge Wells, 37, hazel eyes, curly, 5'16, with a GSOH, many interests, clubs, cooking, cosy nights. Looking for stocky male, 35-45. Box 424364 **T P**

### YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38y old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **T**

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### NOT ASKING FOR MUCH

Fooling, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy Box 903560 **T P**

### PLANT THE SEEDS

Classy, intelligent, devout, attractive lady, 59, slim and active; enjoys travel, walking holidays, sport, gardening. WLTM sincere, intelligent gentleman initially for friendship, maybe more. Box 910138 **T**

### BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD

# yourashford**blogger**

Each week we get a mystery writer to air their views on living in the district of Ashford...

## Why the dawning of a New Year leaves me feeling cold

NOW Christmas is over, we are faced with the inevitable come down of the New Year.

These next few weeks are an annual limbo of time. Let's face it nothing happens.

I have never liked this time of year because of the inevitable disappointment it brings.

So much hope is invested in one tick of the clock as another year arrives with undue haste. But you soon realise that time doesn't necessarily play along with your hopes and dreams or even care. The year looms in front of you like a huge empty bucket of possibilities.

The worst thing about New Year is it's one of those times when you're expected to have a good time. It's like the whole nation has been entered into a knobbly knees competition at Butlin's and wants to be splattered with custard pies while joining a 55 million people-long conga.

Even when you think it might lead to world-wide disaster it disappoints. When the new century was due we were all warned about the terrible consequences of the Millennium Bug.

Planes would fall from the sky, nuclear missiles launch by themselves, and the tills stop working at Tesco. It was billed as the end of the modern world as we knew it. But even that was a damp squib. I thought it would be like the Day of the Triffids or 28 Days Later; we'd wake up to a silent world and start to have to hunt for antelope again.

In fact the millennium was one of my most miserable new years ever. Perhaps because we all thought the end was nigh, my friends and I decided to camp out on a field and build a man made of straw that we would sacrifice to the gods through the element of fire. Unfortunately, as the day went by and the drizzle persisted, our great totem to the gods got damp and as the final second of 1999 passed into the New Year it would not light. In the end we were forced to throw petrol over the damn thing – looking back it's amazing we did not all end up charred.

To make matters worse, my friend, who had been watching far too much Ray Mears on the telly, thought this would be the ideal time to try out his technique of cooking chicken in a

hole in the ground by placing it on top of hot rocks from the fire and wrapping it in banana leaves. Where he got banana leaves from in Kent in December I don't know. It may work for Ray in some Pacific isle, but in a cold December in the UK unless your rocks are made of uranium you're not going to cook anything. So we were wet, cold and forced to chew on part boiled chicken breast. Thank God we had the whisky.

I have even been at Sydney Harbour Bridge as the gongs have chimed and watched the fireworks of which they are so proud. I couldn't see a thing thanks to the lanky Aussie buffoons in front of me.

"We do the best New Year on the planet, mate," they would say to me. Well, I am sorry that may be their idea of culture but here in the UK we have the Sugababes on the box and haggis. I wonder how much an Easyjet flight to Antarctica for New Year 2009 is?

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# Your Letters

## TALK TIME

### MICHAELA BAKER

The co-owner of computer store the Laptop Man in Hythe Road, discusses her job and the business.



#### How long has the business been here?

We have been here for about three years. Before that we were in Dover but we wanted to move inland so that we had a wider customer base. Our location here is ideal because we are close to the M20 and people can park, which is important when you have to carry large computers about.

We sell laptops and PCs both new and second hand. We also sell many of the extras needed, such as ink cartridge refills.

#### How is computer technology changing?

Companies are coming out with different ways to market their products. We have a Lamborghini laptop made by Asus that has an alloy wheel on the base. When it starts up it makes the revving sound of an engine and it has finger swipe recognition for when you log-in. A lot of new laptops also have a webcam built into them these days.

We keep busy because we repair laptops. We sell a lot of the refurbished ones to parents who are buying them so their children can do their homework. We are also finding a larger number of older people who are getting into the internet; using eBay and that sort of thing. We have a broad range of customers.

It's really important that people back up their work and make copies. We had a girl in recently who had lost 100 pages of A-level work on a memory stick which had broken. She had no other copies. People also keep photos on their hard drive that can be very precious to them. If it's important to you then you must back it up.

#### What do you think of Ashford?

It is getting massive but we really like it because we have a good position here. I just hope the amenities grow along with the town.

## YOUR LETTERS

### High-speed internet is the way forward

I was concerned to hear one of your readers having problems getting broadband in parts of the Park Farm estate (Will upgrade include the Park Farm estate? December 26).

I understand from BT that the problem is a result of having a fibre optic cable to the local distribution point (the green boxes in the street). Existing broadband services are not compatible with this system, and so are unavailable to residents.

BT has a recovery programme in place which involves replacing the fibre with copper, so that customers can then get ADSL broadband services. Customers should be able to get information on the timescale for this from their service provider.

Whilst an ADSL service is better than no broadband at all, the replacement of the fibre with copper is not going to deliver the high speed services Ashford's Future is keen to see available; current and proposed technology over copper is unlikely to deliver more than 24mbps, and not everyone will be able to get this.

We believe technology will develop to the point where 50mbps plus will be required, and it is significant that most next generation networks being deployed across the globe are capable of reaching 100mbps.

We believe that adopting this technology is fundamental to the future of our economy, and a thriving local economy will benefit the whole of Ashford, not just those who would use a high-speed broadband service.

**Tim Gainford**  
Telecommunications project manager  
Ashford's Future

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### Works is another sign of bad planning

Is the sewage treatment works to

become the largest commercial/industrial complex in Ashford?

A huge new digester tank is nearing completion standing to the left of this panorama and a



large new building is to the right.

I don't know what function this will fulfill, but I note that the main hall has a gantry crane. I don't think it will be an incinerator, but it could have something to do with recycling.

Did it go through the full planning consent procedure? Will it be noisy? Will it smell? Will it generate more heavy lorries carrying waste materials?

Poor St Mary's Church in Ashford is already dwarfed by the Charter building, the gasometer, and the new County Square extension complex is already taking shape, and demonstrating that the area will be out of all proportion and keeping of what was a pleasant market town.

The picture was taken from National Cycle Route 18, where it passes through the Little Burton Farm housing estate. It clearly illustrates the size of the plant and how close it is to the town centre.

Residents of the estate, which is immediately down-wind of the plant, have made complaints about the odour emanating from the sewage treatment plant, especially on hot summer days. It is an odour that long established residents in Canterbury had long been familiar with, and who had issued warnings during the planning enquiry for the Little Burton Farm development, which were ignored.

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Is this yet another example of inappropriate planning for Ashford?

Ted Prangnell  
Living within sight, sound, and smell of Ashford sewage treatment works.  
Via email



## Shops should open up to Sunday trading

How odd to hear that as Ashford continues to trumpet its strengths, it is only now, as we start 2008, that many of the shops in the town are looking to open on a Sunday.

There is no doubt the town has got woefully behind its rivals by the decision of many independent retailers to stay shut.

You only have to look at Canterbury to discover what good business can be done – not to mention the fact most people in the town have to head there if they want to shop on a Sunday.

Personally, I want to see the town

centre become a vibrant place – and I only hope all the retailers in the town decide to open their doors.

J Goff  
Via email

## We need to keep our day of rest special

Do we really need Sunday shopping in Ashford?

This country has already become a 24/7 environment and what good has it brought us?

Everyone has more debt, more families are breaking up and it seems more and more prefer retail therapy on a Sunday than going to church.

Surely, if we can, we should preserve what is left of the traditional Sunday and not make it more of a 'normal day' than it has already become.

Diane Hodge  
Tenterden

## Perhaps it's time for cautious optimism?

Steve Lovell's New Year's resolution you reported on last week has hardly filled me with confidence (Good intentions for 2008, Yourashford, January 2).

As a long-time supporter of Ashford Town, this season was billed as the one where we challenged for promotion, as the directors promised the start of a steady rise up the ranks.

Instead, we have already seen the back of one manager after a disappointing start, and hardly set the league on fire since Steve joined.

As I write, we're once again lower mid-table in the Ryman League Division One South and unless we win every match from now on, I can't imagine that changing much.

Yes, Steve, football is unpredictable – that is it's very appeal – but I suggest instead of always predicting success, we sometimes promote a more cautiously optimistic approach.

Perhaps for 2008 we should be looking to build ahead of mounting a serious challenge next year?

B Hardy  
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## Return of Nimby is great news for town

Delighted to read in your paper last week that Nimby the Elephant is heading back to town.

I thought it was a marvellous creation and one which made people go out of their way to go and see it – just what a good piece of art should do.

I hope it is here to stay.

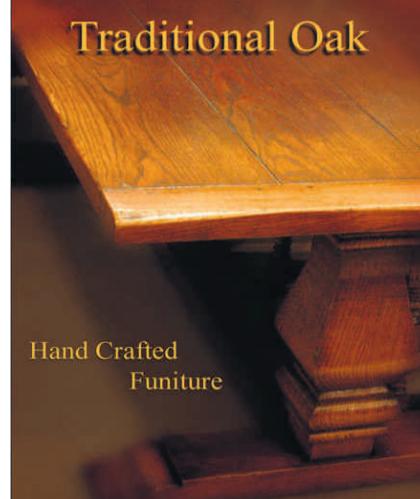
Harriet Jones  
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## Let out a cheer as artwork comes home

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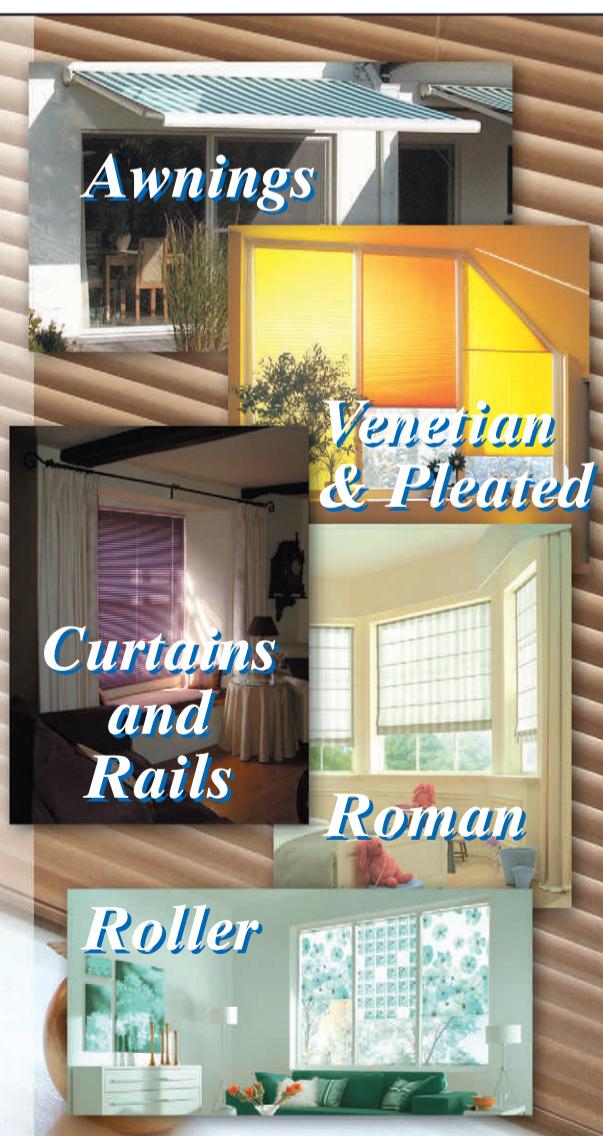
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# Boredom is my biggest influence

## Jimmy Carr follows his heart on tour

AS THE face of comedy on Channel 4, Jimmy Carr has become a regular fixture on our television screens, fronting shows such as 8 out of 10 Cats and Distraction.

But he says his real love is his live gigs, which is just as well as he is currently on a mammoth 12-month 140-plus-date tour, Repeat Offender.

This is his biggest tour so far and he will be playing to more than 200,000 fans across the UK and Ireland. But he warns his shows are not for the faint-hearted.

"It's not for the easily offended," he said. "It's not even for people that are difficult to offend. Essentially it's for people who are without a moral compass."

Despite having occasionally caused controversy with some of his more politically incorrect jokes, Jimmy makes no apologies for his material.

"In terms of taste and decency I think you can say pretty much anything in a comedy show," he said. "I think being politically correct is important if you are a doctor or a policeman, or doing any of these important jobs in society. But as a comic I say rude things and offensive things and it's not for everyone."

So what can people expect when they come to see one of Jimmy's shows?

"I tour every year and this year it is called Repeat Offender, but for no real reason," he said. "Anyone who has come to see the show before will know that it's just a long list of jokes. It's quite funny, but there's no real theme to it. It does exactly what it says on the tin for a comedy show, which I quite like."

After his show, Jimmy likes to meet his audience. This means that as well as returning to familiar towns and venues, Jimmy has also started recognising some of the regular faces who come to see him.

"When you meet people after a gig, you often meet the same people two years in a row and bizarrely you kind of remember some of them," he said. "It's like 'Oh, hello. Been well?' Or the heckler from last year heckles again. It's quite a nice thing."

This year sees the release of his third stand-up DVD, Comedian. It is the culmination of Jimmy's last two tours, Gag Reflex and Off The Telly, and contains different material to the new tour.

As a comedy fan, Jimmy loves to watch DVDs of his favourite comics – influences such as Stephen Wright and Emo Phillips, or performers he admires such as Dave Chappell and Chris Rock.

"It's a weird thing, but my taste in comedy tends to be far from what I do," he said. "I've been influenced by TV and media – I don't have a great attention span. I get bored quite easily. So the biggest influence on my comedy is boredom."

Jimmy Carr will be at various venues in February, April and May. For full tour details, see [www.jimmycarr.com](http://www.jimmycarr.com).



ON TOUR: Jimmy Carr says his favourite occupation is his live gigs

### JIMMY CARR

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## THE JOHNNY CASH STORY

Saturday, January 19  
Astor Theatre Arts Centre, Deal

PAY tribute to one of the greatest country music legends with The Johnny Cash Story.

Singer and actor Roger Dean leads the celebration of Cash's life and music, using his own 'storyteller' voice to capture the star's true legacy.

The son of a farmer, Cash was born in Arkansas in 1932. He started writing songs and poems at the age of 12, following the tragic death of his brother Jack. Later, a vocal coach reportedly told him never to take another singing lesson and to preserve his natural voice instead.

He wrote more than 500 songs, including I Walk The Line and Big River, and performed great songs written by others. Cash died in 2003, just four months after the death of his late wife and soul mate, June Carter Cash.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets, which are limited, cost £12.50 in advance or £15 on the door.

Call the box office on 01304 381134 or visit the website [www.astorthetheatre.co.uk](http://www.astorthetheatre.co.uk) for more booking information.



## THE NUTCRACKER

Friday and Saturday, January 11-12  
Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

DON'T miss the opportunity to see a breathtaking production of The Nutcracker, directed by the legendary Yuri Grigorovich.

As director of the world famous Bolshoi Ballet for 30 years, Grigorovich created a spectacular version of the classic Christmas tale.

It follows the adventures of a young girl who is given an enchanted nutcracker doll and transported into a magical world, full of Tchaikovsky's stunning music.

The production has not been seen in the UK since the early 1970s, but Kent-based producer Ellen Kent has secured the exclusive rights to tour the extraordinary 1966 Moscow version.

Starring the outstanding Kristina Terentieva, winner of the Grand Prix International Dance Competition Vienna 2007, it also boasts a 120-strong company and a large live orchestra.

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Guests should arrive at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £21, including a two-course dinner and coffee.

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Tickets cost £10 per lecture or £15 for both. Profits go to the Zulu Village at Rorke's Drift, South Africa. Tickets are available from Greyhound Frames, Tenterden, or 01580 764189.

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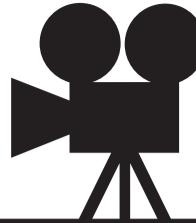
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# Lisa returns to the big screen

■ BY ELLIE GENOWER

SINCE leaving the sofas of Central Perk behind, Lisa Kudrow has popped up in a number of small, yet memorable, film roles.

Like her latest role as Denise, the quirky pal of Hilary Swank's Holly in the big screen adaptation of Irish author Cecelia Ahern's chick lit novel, PS I Love You.

The film follows Holly, who is in mourning for her happy-go-lucky husband Gerry (Gerard Butler) who died of a brain tumour. Her grief is interrupted by the arrival of letters from Gerry, each with a different request, which he intended her to receive following his death.

Explains Lisa: "When I read the script, I thought it was cruel, not romantic, that he was sending her letters so that she will remember him."

"In that situation it's not very healthy because you can't really move on with your life."

"But then by the end you can see that wasn't really his intention."

"His intention was that she remember herself, through all the things he wanted her to do, and tells her to do in the letters. Go out with a friend, do karaoke, get outside of yourself, don't take yourself so seriously. Remember who you were when I met you."

In the meantime, Holly is faced with the prospect of finding love again with barman Daniel (Harry Connick Jr), while Denise desperately and sometimes tactlessly tries to find a man of her own.

Playing a singleton on the dating scene made Lisa relieved that she is already happily settled.

She's been married to advertising executive Michael Stern for 12 years and they live in Los

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Angeles with their nine-year-old son Julian.

These days, she is content to see acting as a part-time job, having left the demanding hours of the hit sitcom, and later her critically-acclaimed HBO TV series The Comeback, behind.

Lisa also had to adjust to life after Friends.

"I look back on Friends fondly," she says. "We all still keep in touch although we don't see each other a lot."

"I miss certain things about the show, like not being with those people every single day. Matthew Perry is one of the funniest people I've ever met and I miss just cracking up."

"It was a really happy, good experience. And it's done, so we have to just move on. There are no regrets."

Such was its popularity that people still speculate about a Friends reunion, or a film version of the show, following in the footsteps of the recent Sex and the City movie.



MOVED ON: Lisa Kudrow is embracing life after Friends

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"I think they should dump the whole idea," says Lisa.

"The writers would have to be on board and then get the six of us on board. And who's going to come up with all that money to talk everyone into doing it?"

"I don't know if it's worth it. Ross and Rachel got together, Phoebe's married, Monica and Chandler moved to Connecticut."

"The series ended. It's not these six people living in New York being there for each other as family. They now have their own families; the story's over."

"Maybe in 30 years, other actors will do Friends and it will be a spoof and they'll be making fun of it. But I won't be in it. Or perhaps I'll be a grandma..."

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## Perfect for revitalisation

■ BY LISA HAYNES

WHEN Robbie Williams needed some serious rehab earlier this year, he got out his map of Arizona and checked into Phoenix's Cottonwood clinic.

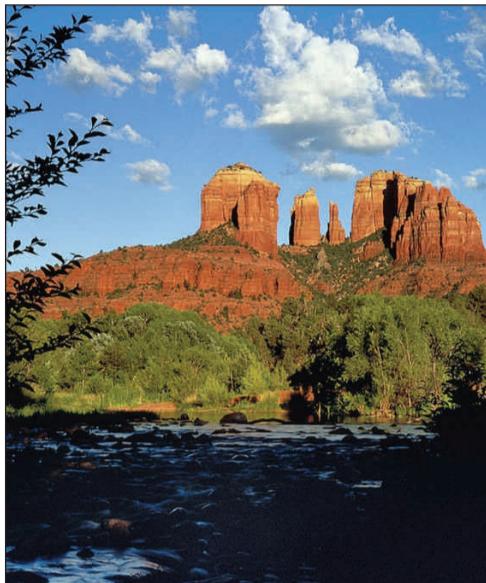
The singer may not have spent his stay scribbling postcards or seeing the sights – but after my week of luxury in Arizona, I'm quite prepared to believe Robbie went home a reformed, more relaxed character.

Newcomers to the Wild West imagine sandy deserts, towering cacti and cowboys, and first impressions won't disappoint – but it does have a few surprises in store.

Arizona divides roughly into three zones: the deserts of the south and west, the mountainous central highlands with volcano-created plains in between, and the northern Colorado Plateau. Its major conurbations, Phoenix and Tucson are in the southern sector and surrounded by the cacti of the Sonoran Desert.

Holidays in Arizona, therefore, mostly attract those who relish the outdoor life: novice horse riders, mountain bikers, and those who savour mighty steaks cooked on a sizzling barbecue as the sun goes down.

Knowing we would experience the scorching heat of summer, we planned a lazier routine. After landing in Phoenix in a dust storm, the journey through cactus-lined streets to the hotel in Scottsdale was soon taking us through Camelback Road, Stetson Drive and



**STUNNING:** Breathtaking scenery, shopping centres and spas are changing preconceived notions of Arizona

Dynamite Boulevard. But morning and daylight soon brought a different perspective to my 'yee-ha!' preconceptions. From my colonial-style casita at The Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale, I was wowed by a surprisingly lush green landscape and mountain terrain.

Yet in the midst of rolling desert, you're only a short car journey away from Scottsdale's bustling and modern downtown art and shopping district, currently undergoing almost

\$3 billion's worth of tourist-friendly development.

Setting off the next day at 6am to beat the midday heat, which can top 40 degrees centigrade in the summer months, we blew away the cobwebs with a hike up nearby Pinnacle Peak and were rewarded with stunning views of the Sonoran Desert from a spectacular vantage point.

After breakfast, it was time for a signature Desert Nectar Facial in the spa of our hotel, the perfect antidote to dusty hikes, before a visit to the ultra-modern Scottsdale Fashion Square to shop. Alternatively, culture vultures can dive into an array of vibrant art galleries, golfing fans have a choice of several superb courses and foodies can revel in award-winning restaurants, from sushi to Old West cuisine – Cowboy Ciao is a favourite with tourists and locals alike.

Scottsdale's Downtown is super-modern, immaculately turned out, and jam-packed with urban appeal. Our next stop, Sedona, could hardly have offered a more dramatic contrast. Famous for its striking red rock formations, Sedona makes an ideal location for a desert retreat because of its reputation as a creative mecca with a New Age feel, boasting spiritual charm and natural beauty.

Wherever you stay, the views will rarely be less than stunning. Even if you don't have the inclination to put on your hiking boots, you can't fail to be moved by Arizona's untouched desert beauty, and the never-ending sunshine.

If he goes there again, I'll wager that Robbie will ditch rehab to find revitalisation of an altogether different kind.

### FACT FILE: ARIZONA

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Currency	Dollar approx £1.98 to £1
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Climate	Desert

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Lisa Haynes was a guest of the Arizona Office of Tourism, which has a UK brochure hotline on 020 8741 7256 or online at [www.arizonaguide.com](http://www.arizonaguide.com).

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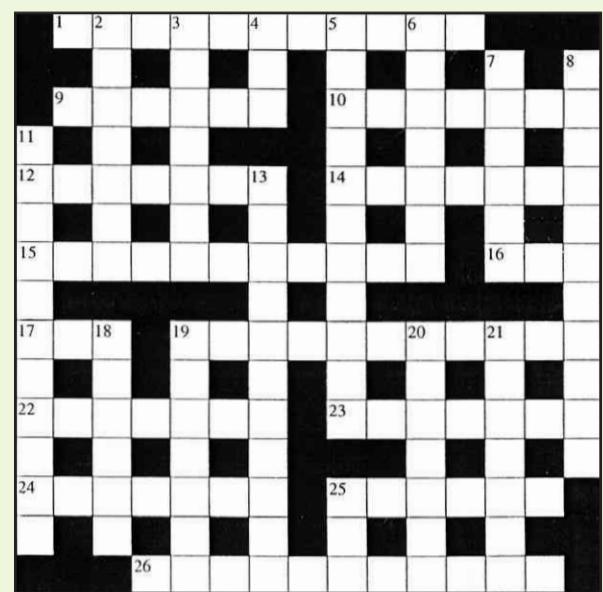
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#### ACROSS

- 1 Imagine eccentric one of the pack (7-4)
  - 9 Roar when ringer gives shout of pain (6)
  - 10 Book an exceptional quintet for the author (7)
  - 12 Out in a hazardous position over a wing, say (2,1,4)
  - 14 One who stirs up has perception reportedly right at the end (7)
  - 15 Pain in swallowing (11)
  - 16 Dung-beetle of the third order (3)
  - 17 Head Office had second-class cooker ring (3)
  - 19 Unnamed fagis odd pranks (3,3,5)
  - 22 Uncertain pal shortly returns and promises to pay (7)
  - 23 Part of salad, let us say (7)
  - 24 Goods lost and found on the sea (7)
  - 25 Model has disturbed sleep going round pound (6)
  - 26 It is not for the first time that one is saving (11)
- DOWN**
- 2 An idler coming from the island (7)
  - 3 Counting and recounting (7)
  - 4 Street fight (3)
  - 5 Dependent on a learner getting qualification first (11)
  - 6 Italian stream that can only be crossed once? (7)
  - 7 Slid along to find Katharine in South Dakota (6)
  - 8 Had too much on? (11)
  - 11 Finished quickly, removed gloss (8,3)
  - 13 Firm with chaps who are into affairs (11)
  - 18 Jack in favour of monkey (6)
  - 19 Slovenly woman flies round consuming two eggs (7)
  - 20 Prepares before one goes in the race? (4,3)
  - 21 Lady left at home feeling weakly sentimental (7)
  - 25 Mixed food (3)

### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Very simple (2,4,2,3)
  - 9 Wading bird (6)
  - 10 Method of bowling (7)
  - 12 Geometric line (7)
  - 14 Lucrative (7)
  - 15 Callously (11)
  - 16 Fabulous bird (3)
  - 17 Early morning moisture (3)
  - 19 Game of thumping with cushions (6-5)
  - 22 Radioactive element (7)
  - 23 Game using a top (7)
  - 24 Edinburgh area (7)
  - 25 Cotton fabric (6)
  - 26 Supposition (11)
- DOWN**
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## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE



### AQUARIUS

(Jan 21 - Feb 19)

AN opportunity to make money gives you a chance to spend more time on private pursuits. This comes as a relief, as you were beginning to tire of working with a large group. If someone asks for money, you should either refuse or give it as a gift or your relationship will be permanently damaged. You'll be in much demand over the next eight weeks.



### TAURUS

(Apr 21 - May 21)

THE chance to go on a glamorous vacation could fall into your lap. You may have trouble finding someone to care for a pet or child. Ask a female relative who owes you a favour. If you're looking for work, spend the next two months sending out CVs and setting up interviews. A relative, neighbour, or friend could tip you off to a good position.



### LEO

(July 24 - Aug 23)

YOU'LL feel especially energetic this week, particularly where romance is concerned. It may be impossible to contain your desire for the object of your affection. Resist the urge to buy your way into their affection. Instead, lay your heart at their feet. Partnership issues will take on increased importance over the next two months.



### SCORPIO

(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

CREATIVE inspiration could strike at the strangest time this week. News of a pregnancy comes as a surprise. Although this will mean some changes in lifestyle for you, they will prove pleasant ones. Don't let a friend's gloomy warnings about finances spoil your fun. Talking with relatives could prove productive.



### PISCES

(Feb 20 - Mar 20)

PEOPLE are drawn to your rebellious side. You're glad to be celebrated for your distinction. Usually, it is held against you. A forbidding business or romantic partner may try to take the wind out of your sails. Turn a deaf ear to their warnings. Taking a job just for money will only lead to misery. A new friend could help you find a position more suited to your talents.



### GEMINI

(May 22 - Jun 22)

YOU feel irresistibly drawn to an offbeat authority figure who you could share some passionate evenings this week. Don't rush things though. Sexual sparks don't always translate to domestic harmony. You could get a chance to add to your qualifications between now and mid-March. This additional knowledge will give you more freedom.



### VIRGO

(Aug 24 - Sep 23)

YOU'RE the focus of romantic attention. Your charms have never been more apparent. If you're in a relationship, let your lover wait on you. Normally, you're the one looking to meet their needs. If you're single, you could meet someone special at a dance club, photography exhibit, or movie theatre.



### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

YOU'RE earning more money now, which gives you more freedom in your personal life. You may not realise it, but many people envy your situation. Take care not to flaunt your liberty to an authority figure, or you could be unfairly punished. Working on behalf of a humanitarian cause will prove stimulating between now and mid-March.



### ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

YOUR career is starting to look up, when you get support from an unexpected source. Your benefactor's input could put you in line for a raise, promotion, or highly-paid job. Some of the duties might be tough, but perform them well and you'll be given more impressive assignments. Spending more time with friends helps relieve tension.



### CANCER

(Jun 23 - Jul 23)

STEPPING out of your comfort zone could put you in the path of romance. You may find work a slog this week, thanks to plodding colleagues. Don't tease them because they will take it the wrong way. The opportunity to broach a sensitive topic with a lover could arise. Discuss money, sex, religion, or other subjects that have brought grief in the past.



### LIBRA

(Sep 24 - Oct 23)

YOU could be given some unusual assignments at work. These jobs bring out the best in you. Your high spirits will have a good effect on your home life. If you're looking for a new abode, you could find one within walking distance of your job. Pay no attention to nagging fears about your communication skills. You'll handle yourself admirably at a fancy party.



### CAPRICORN

(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

WIT, charm, and intelligence characterise everything you do. No wonder it's so easy to make friends. Resist the urge to engage in a secret love affair, or you could hurt an innocent victim. You need to be scrupulously honest in order to maintain the good name you've made for yourself. Ideas for making more money come fast and furious over the next three weeks.



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## PICK OF THE WEEKEND

### BBC one

**FRIDAY:** NEW TRICKS (9pm): Drama series featuring an eccentric group of ex-policemen, brought out of retirement to investigate unsolved crimes.

**SATURDAY:** THE ONE AND ONLY (6.25pm): Graham Norton fronts the latest reality TV show hunting for the UK's best tribute act. Results follow later in the evening.

### BBC TWO

**FRIDAY:** LAKESIDE WORLD PROFESSIONAL DARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS (7PM): Ray Stubbs presents action from the quarter-finals at the Lakeside Country Club.

**SATURDAY:** U-571 (9.30pm): Matthew McConaughey, Bill Paxton and Harvey Keitel star in a World War Two submarine adventure about a US crew sent to capture a Nazi U-boat.

### itv

**FRIDAY:** AL MURRAY'S HAPPY HOUR (10pm): The pub landlord welcomes the likes of James Blunt, Cerys Matthews and Barbara Windsor to join him at the bar.

**SATURDAY:** SHAUN OF THE DEAD (9.30pm): Simon Pegg and Nick Frost dazzle in a classic British movie comedy as zombies take over London. Must-watch entertainment.

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**FRIDAY:** BILL BAILEY LIVE: PART TROLL (10.35pm): Never Mind the Buzzcocks star Bill Bailey performs at the Hammersmith Apollo during his 2004 stand-up tour.

**SATURDAY:** SHALLOW HAL (9pm): Jack Black and Gwyneth Paltrow star in a comedy about a superficial man who finds himself hypnotised by a friend to fall madly in love with a 300lb woman.

### five

**FRIDAY:** AS TIME RUNS OUT (3.30pm): Movie about a millionaire's desperate efforts to get his son back after he is kidnapped.

**SATURDAY:** FLASH (4.10pm): Film drama about a young boy faced with a difficult decision after his cash-strapped dad buys him a horse.

# The building blocks of a Shameless hit

■ BY ANDY WELCH

THE rather un-loved estate where chaotic family drama *Shameless* takes place is not somewhere you'd automatically class as something desirable to recreate.

But the ups and downs of the out-of-control Gallagher family have proved so popular that TV bosses built their own real-life version of the fictitious Chatsworth Estate. The set, which was revealed to the press in April, is now back on our screens as the fifth series rolls on.

During the first four series, the drama was filmed on an estate in Gorton, Manchester, complete with real-life residents in the background and all the problems shooting on location brings with it.

David Threlfall, who, out-of-character, looks a lot smarter than the hapless Frank Gallagher, says: "Having the new set has made things easier. If we were doing outside scenes and it was raining, we can dive inside and do other stuff, assuming the actors are available.

"Having dressing rooms indoors is also deeply appreciated by all concerned," he laughs, referring to the times he's been soaked trying to dodge the Manchester rain while walking from Portacabin to filming location.

He says of *Shameless*: "I had no idea it was going to last as long as it has. My first response when reading the first script was, 'Is this what they're going to shoot or are they going to tone this down?' I'd never read anything like it before. It was so full-on."

"I was offered the part, then given about an hour to make up my mind. I just thought, 'Okay, let's see' – and now here we are



**NO SHAME:** David Threlfall plays Frank, an unemployed, unemployable alcoholic who has captured viewers' hearts

promoting series five, and the longest series we've ever done."

For those unfamiliar with *Shameless*, David's character Frank is an unemployed, unemployable, drug-taking alcoholic. He's been little more than a shadow while his many children have grown up – eight at last count – and is virtually guaranteed not only to miss out on their major achievements in life, but also to scupper any other chances they may have with his shambolic behaviour.

On paper, he's everything a person and father should avoid being, yet despite his flaws, viewers love Frank dearly. So does David: "You have to love every character you play, even if they are vile. A man who headbutts his own children definitely doesn't

have my vote, but it's about their reaction to his behaviour as much as anything. But, let's not forget, this sort of stuff does go on in real life.

"When I first read the part, I said the easiest thing would be to make him the village idiot, the town drunk, but where do you go with that? Nowhere, basically. You have to investigate why he's done it and work out other things about him."

"That's the great thing about Paul Abbott [the show's creator]," he adds. "He gives you space to work out a back-story, and my instinct was that Frank just went missing and took drink up as a mission 25 years ago, after the birth of one of his children."

The first instalment of the new 16-episode run, which aired on New Year's Day, saw David as director and it's something he's keen to continue.

"I'll be helping facilitate new stories and scripts, and getting into that almost industrial process of how the show gets made. I love that side of it all, I absolutely love it," he says, before revealing his own particular method when it comes to directing an episode.

"I like to guide and think about trying different things. I'm very straight, though. We do an episode in 25 days, so there's no time to mess about, but I like to rehearse and get the actors relaxed. We have a lot of fun up there."

Just don't try to get too deep with the characters.

"I don't think it's a show about explaining," he adds. "It is what it is, and if you don't get it, watch something else. I don't mean that in an off-hand way. I just mean it's a drama about people trying to get by, trying to get on in life. But, if you get it, you get it."

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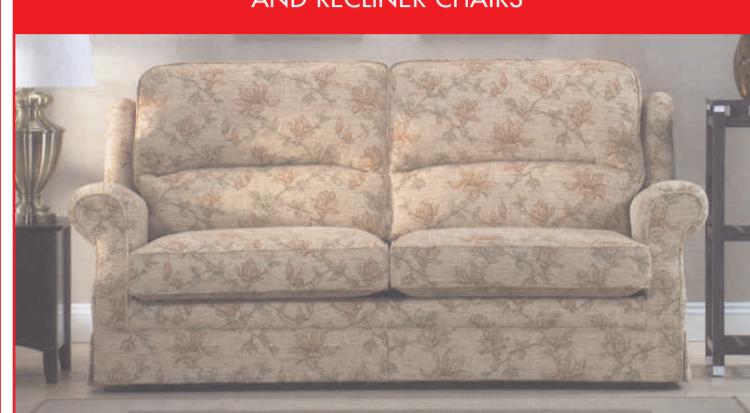
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## PETE DOHERTY:

The former Libertines frontman plays Babyshambles hits Carry On Up The Morning and Kilimanjaro and solo effort For Lovers back-to-back during a blistering pre-Christmas performance at the Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham, @ yourkenttv.co.uk



## CHAS 'N' DAVE:

The cockney duo wow the 250-strong crowd with one of their many timeless classics, Gertcha, picking up where Pete Doherty left off at their headline performance at the Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham, @ yourkenttv.co.uk



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TABLOID favourite Pete Doherty went back to basics at an intimate Chatham gig, taking to the stage with just a guitar and his enviable back catalogue of sing-along smash hits.

The troubled rocker, famed for hitting the headlines for all the wrong reasons, reeled off a string of his best-loved tracks during a storming half hour set at the Tap 'n' Tin, before making way for his boyhood heroes, headliners Chas 'n' Dave.

Pete performed songs from his days with The Libertines, such as Kilimanjaro and Carry On Up The Morning, as well as solo material.

Having whipped the sell-out crowd into a frenzy the famous frontman watched Chas 'n' Dave's set from the side of the stage.

The timeless duo, joined as always by Mick Burt on drums, rattled through all their old hits, including Snooker Loopy, Gertcha, Down to Margate and Rabbit, much to the delight of the largely steel toe-cap-wearing members of the audience who had made their way to the front.

Having almost exhausted their extensive back catalogue, Chas welcomed Pete back onto the stage for the grand finale, a rousing rendition of Ain't No Pleasin' You.

• A seven-minute clip of Pete's solo performance and a shorter one of Chas 'n' Dave's toe-tapping classics is available online now. Go to [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

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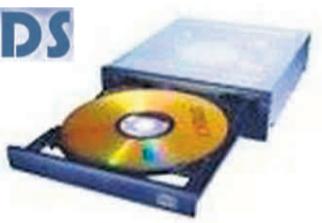
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## BIRTHS

### ALLDIS

Ben and Jay Alldis celebrate the birth of their daughter Amy Dove on 16th December 2007.

### AUSTIN

Caitlin Martha Anne born on 25th December 2007 at Sidcup, weighing 6lb 7oz. Daughter to Graham and Sara Austin of Sevenoaks.

### BOSTOCK

Jason and Amy celebrate the birth of their daughter Juliet Amy born on the 19th December 2007. Mummy and Daddys special little nibbler.

### BRUCE

Liam Thomas born on 20th December 2007, weighing 5lbs 15oz. Son to Tom and Emma in Broadstairs.

### BURRETT

Evie Mae, Mia Marie and Alfie George born on 27th December 2007, weighing 3lbs 4oz, 3lbs 10oz and 3lbs 2oz. Triplets to Laine and Belinda in Ramsgate.

### CLARKE

Clare and David of Canterbury are very proud, and delighted, to announce the birth of their son, Zachary Ashton Clarke, on 27th November 2007.

### COBILL

Lola Naomi born on 23rd December 2007 weighing 8lb 6oz. Daughter to Gavin and Sarah sister to Megan in Tonbridge.

### FARRELL

Rubie Nicola - Jade born on 30th November 2007, weighing 7lb 8oz. Daughter to Simon and Jade in Ramsgate.

### GIGNEY

Nicola Cornish and Clive Gigney are proud to announce to birth of their son Ray Aaron Thomas Gigney, born on 14th December 2007 weighing 9lb 7oz. You are the best Christmas present we could have asked for.

### HALL

Rob and Lisa of Faversham celebrate the birth of their son Elliott Michael Tate on 2nd December 2007. A little brother for MacKenzie.

### HARPER

Eddie Milo born on 27th December 2007 weighing 9lb 1oz to proud parents Mark and Teena of Tunbridge Wells.

### INGRAM

James Stephen Ingram born at Pembury Hospital on 23rd December 2007, weighing 5lb 9oz. Son to Barry and Kaylee of Edenbridge.

### JEFFRIES

Kaitlyn Amanda born on 18th December 2007, weighing 6lb 15oz. Daughter to Ryan and Sara in Margate.

### JEYS

Adam and Charmaine celebrate the birth of their son Elliot William Jeys on 12th December 2007, weighing 7lb 14oz.

### JOSLYN - WARNER

Isabelle born on 24th November 2007, weighing 6lb 4oz.

Daughter to Phil and Nichola in Maidstone. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

### KENNEDY-SMITH

Jill and Paul would like to announce the arrival of their beautiful twins Jamie and Libby born on the 21st December 2007.

### KNOX

To Ed and Samantha of Bekesbourne, a beautiful daughter, Erin Samantha, born on 2nd December 2007. A new baby sister for Liam, Laura and Ellie.

### LAZELL

Charlie John Lazell born to proud parents John and Lyndsey on 23rd December 2007 weighing 8lb 15oz. Mummy and Daddys special boy.

### MALONE

Cassandra and Michael celebrate the birth of their son Alfie Jude born on the 19th December 2007. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

### MEADWELL

Albert James Meadowell, born 18th December 2007, to Deborah and James. A brother for Phoebe.

### MEARS

Candice and Terry Mears celebrate the birth of their lovely daughter Keelie Mears. Born on 7th December 2007. A new sister for Harvey and Fynn.

### NORMAN

James Davey Norman born on 17th November 2007, weighing 9lb 8oz. Son to Colin and Karen in Headcorn.

### PALMER

Philip and Lisa Palmer celebrate the birth of their daughter Lola Patricia Palmer on 19th November 2007.

### REEVES

Lexi born on 7th December 2007, weighing 8lbs.4oz. Daughter to Jonathan and Stacey. Sister to Codie and Keya.

### ROLLS

Tony and Jo Rolls of Tonbridge celebrate the birth of their daughter Amy Joanna Rolls on 28th November 2007.

### SIVYER

Jenny and Graham are pleased to announce the safe arrival of James Robert Edward on 14th December 2007, weighing 3lb 13oz.

### SMITH

Michael and Laura are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful little boy Harrison Christopher Smith on 16th December 2007, weighing 6lb.

### TAYLOR

Susan and Paul are delighted to announce the births of their twins James and Jasmine born on 9th December 2007 at Darent Valley Hospital Dartford.

### TERRY

To Daren and Cerian of Whitstable a beautiful baby daughter, Tia Rose, born on 19th November 2007. A new sister for Harvey and Fynn.

### THURLEY

Dawn and John Thurley of Leybourne celebrate the birth of their daughter Lucy Jean Thurley on 17th December 2007.

### WELLS

Andrew and Tracey Wells of Snodland celebrate the birth of their son Ethan Samuel Thomas Wells on 9th December 2007, weighing 6lb 2oz.

### WHITCOMBE

Faith Neve born 14th December 2007 weighing 7lb 6oz in Canterbury daughter to Alana and Stuart.

### WILLOUGHBY

Bobby and Sue of Whitstable are both pleased and proud to announce the birth of their son, Brook Daniel Willoughby, on 6th December 2007. Brook weighed 8lb 10oz.

## DEATHS

### ASPINALL

In loving memory of Stephen Jeffery, a Wonderful Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad who fell asleep on 20th December 2007 after a short illness, aged 80 years. Sadly missed by all your Family and Friends. Now with the Angels. From your loving wife Betty and all of your Family.

### BAKER

Eric Arthur of Tonbridge passed away on 21st December 2007.

Loved and missed by Family and Friends. Enquires to Son David 07768 232353

### BRYAN

Dora Bryan sadly passed away on 23rd December 2007.

Funeral service to be held 11.45am on 9th January at Vinters Park Crematorium. All enquiries to Pickard and Beale in Maidstone.

### CLARK

Ann Passed away in Margate Hospital on 23rd December 2007 will be sadly missed by Husband Edgar children and Grandchildren.

### COLEMAN / WINCH

Eileen Alice of Edenbridge passed away peacefully on 28th December 2007. Will be sadly missed by her family and friends

### HUMPHRIES

Charles of Tunbridge Wells passed away peacefully on 20th December 2007 aged 94

### DICKINSON

Betty Dickinson died peacefully on 22nd December 2007. The service took place at Thanet Crematorium at 12.00pm on Friday 4th January.

### ELDRIDGE

Bernard Eldridge, formerly of Bell Lane in Ditton, passed away on 22nd December 2007, aged 94. Funeral service to be held at Vinters Park Crematorium in Maidstone on 11th January 2008 at 2.45pm.

### GREENWOOD

John Greenwood of Whitfield passed away after a short illness at The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury on 20th December 2007. Loving husband of Hayley. He will be very sadly missed.

### HARRIS

Kathleen Sarah Mabel Harris died peacefully on 15th December 2007. Funeral service at Thanet Crematorium at 11.20am on Tuesday 15th January 2008.

### MCALLISTER

Dorcus Rowan passed away peacefully at the William Harvey Hospital on 23rd December 2007. Will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

### MYRANS

Dorothy Lesley Myrans of Herne Bay passed away peacefully on 20th December 2007. Widow of Harry and loving mother to Sarah, Richard and Harry. Funeral enquiries to A Welch

### ROLLO

John Dunning Rollo of Maidstone passed away on 22nd December 2007. He will be sadly missed by his wife, daughters and grandchildren. Funeral enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Care Dartford.

years. Loving husband of Dottie. Funeral enquiries via Hickmotts of Tunbridge Wells

### JARVIS

A loved one is not gone until they are forgotten and to live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever. Norma Kathleen Jarvis passed away 20th December 2007

### LAMBERT

Penny Lambert of Saltwood Hythe, died 29th December, aged 60. Funeral 16th January at SS Peter and Paul Saltwood at 11.30am. All welcome. This will be a celebration of her life, no black please at her request.

### LOFT

Ivy Loft died peacefully on 27th December 2007. Funeral Service at Salvation Army, Gravesend, at 11.15am, cremation at Medway Crematorium Wednesday 9th January 1.15pm all welcome.

### WATSON

Edna Gladys of Hadlow passed away peacefully on 27th December 2007 aged 77 years. Much loved Mum and Granny will be sadly missed.

### WILDE

Jack Wilde died peacefully at The Heart of Kent Hospice 28th December 2007. Beloved husband of Yvonne Wilde. Its so hard to say Goodbye.

### WILLIAMS

Ellen Williams (known as Helen) passed away peacefully on 28th December 2007 at Darent Valley Hospital. Much loved wife, mum and grandma. She will be very sadly missed. Funeral enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Care Dartford.

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Course aims to fill empty properties

AN initiative to bring empty property back into use has staged two special training courses for its officers from across the county in a bid to boost its work going into 2008.

No Use Empty is supported by Dover, Shepway, Swale and Thanet councils and backed by Kent County Council. Launched in 2005, it hopes to bring back into service some of the 9,000 homes that stand empty in east Kent alone.

Last month it staged courses at the offices of Shepway and Swale councils which were attended by 56 delegates. Further courses are planned this year.

Susan Pledger, project manager of No Use Empty, said: "The purpose of these courses is to provide an opportunity for empty property officers across Kent to increase their knowledge and understanding of key legislation, which in turn helps them in their work to return more empty properties back into use."

Free help and advice is available to property owners by logging on to the [www.no-use-empty.org](http://www.no-use-empty.org) website or by calling the No Use Empty hotline on 08458 247605.

### Record attention for cottage homes

DEVELOPER Rydon Homes has received a record number of enquiries about cottage-style housing – despite the sales launch not starting until March.

Merchant Mews will see 12 new two- and three-bedroom homes built in a courtyard just off New Dover Road, a mile from Canterbury city centre.

It will include six different styles of semi-detached and terraced houses to give individuality, with traditional detailing, white-painted brickwork and low-dipping rooflines.

Each cottage will have allocated parking, with three having their own garages.

John Kitchin, managing director of Rydon Homes, said: "The response to Merchant Mews, where prices will be in the region of £435,000, shows how many buyers are looking for a high-quality house in an outstanding location.

"We have received so many enquiries that we have set up a sales cabin on site so prospective purchasers are able to take a look at the scheme prior to the sales launch."



**WHAT A VIEW:** Along with improved transport links, coastal locations are proving to be a key factor in influencing the continued rise of house prices in parts of Kent

# Bucking the trend with soaring house prices

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

HOUSE prices in seaside towns across the county are set to continue rising throughout 2008 – as the number of people flocking to coastal retreats rockets.

And there's more good news for those living inland too – with improved transport links to both London and the Continent making parts of Kent set to lead the way in house price rises across the South East.

Experts point to the relative affordability of seaside towns as firing a new, increased demand from house-hunters seeking the best deals.

According to a report from estate agency Halifax, Kent is set to outperform the regional average, in part courtesy of infrastructure improvements such as the high-speed rail link and, for the north of the county, the opening of the Ebbsfleet International station.

East Kent has been highlighted as an area set to benefit to the max, while the likes of Chatham and Dartford are identified as places where the price rises will be most significant over the next 12 months. Both towns were named in a list compiled by Halifax of the top ten property hot-spots for 2008.

Despite forecasting national price growth to be flat this year, Halifax managing director Colin Kemp said: "Some areas will continue to be in high demand next year, with property prices rising accordingly despite the expected subdued outlook across the market as a whole.

"The areas likely to record the biggest price gains will tend to be those with a combination of good transport links to a major conurbation and relatively low average prices.

"Chatham and the other Medway towns are likely to record significant price increases as

demand is boosted by the planned opening of high-speed services to central London from north and east Kent in late 2009.

"Dartford and the surrounding area will also see a boost to its property market as a result of the recent opening of Ebbsfleet International."

Locate in Kent director of marketing and research Mandy Bearne said she agreed with Halifax's forecast.

She said: "There's so much happening in Kent. All our towns have been or are in the process of being completely rejuvenated.

"Through working with developers and builders I know Kent is going to become a much more attractive place to live, being better connected with London and the North.

"Everyone is predicting Kent becoming more popular due to the enhanced transport links, protecting it from any downturn in the market, either keeping house prices steady or helping them continue to rise."

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**ASHFORD** £97,000



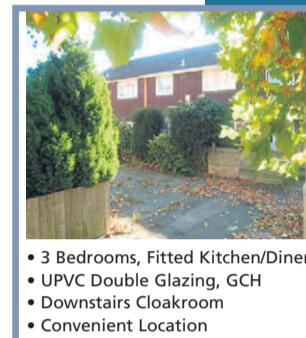
- Two Bedrooms
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Convenient Location
- 1st Time Buyer Or Investment Purchase

**ASHFORD** £125,950



- 3 Bedrooms, Separate Dining Room
- UPVC Double Glazing, GCH
- Near Town And Station
- Ideal 1st Or Investment Purchase

**ASHFORD** £135,000



- 3 Bedrooms, Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- UPVC Double Glazing, GCH
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Convenient Location

**SINGLETON** £135,000



- Two Bedrooms, Master En-suite
- Feature Size Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking For Two Cars

**SHADOXHURST** £239,995



- 3 Bedrooms, 19' Conservatory
- Potential To Extend If Required
- Garage And Extra Parking

**RUCKINGE** £149,995



- Double Bedroom, Conservatory
- Double Glazing, Central Heating
- Secluded Good Size Garden
- Lounge, Dining Room, ORP

**ASHFORD** £159,995



- 3 Bedrooms, Feature Size Lounge
- UPVC Double Glazing, GCH
- Garage With Own Drive
- Not Overlooked At Rear

**ASHFORD** £164,995



- 3 Bedrooms, Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- UPVC Double Glazed, GCH
- Brick Garage

**SINGLETON** £169,995



- 2 Double Bedrooms, GF Cloakroom
- Gas Central Heating, DG
- Off Road Parking For Two Cars
- Favoured Quiet Residential

**MERSHAM** £529,995



- Updated To A Very High Standard
- Separate Quality Annexe, Garden
- 4 Double Bedrooms, 2 Kitchens
- 2 Conservatories, Double Garage

**GODINGTON PARK** £183,000



- Over 26' Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- UPVC Double Glazing, GCH
- Brick Garage
- Favoured Residential

**SINGLETON** £197,000



- Three Bedrooms, Master En-suite
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner, DSCR
- Brick Garage, Parking For 3 Cars
- Close To Shops And Schools

**WOODCHURCH** £235,000



- 3 Bedrooms
- Over 17' Conservatory
- Utility Room, Village Location
- UPVC Double Glazing

**SINGLETON** £149,950



- Two Bedrooms, Fitted Kitchen
- Secluded Maintained Grounds
- WARDEN ASSISTED
- Early Occupation Available

**MERSHAM** OIEO £535,000



- Three Bedrooms
- Two Inglenook Fireplaces
- Over 12 Acres Of Land
- Grade II Listed, Bressumer Beams

**ORCHARD HEIGHTS** OIEO £200,000



- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Double Glazing, GCH
- Garage, Parking For 2 Vehicles

**ASHFORD** £210,000



- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Double Glazing, GCH
- Off Road Parking

**KNIGHTS PARK** £275,000



- 4 Bedrooms, Master With En-suite
- Kitchen/Diner, Utility
- Conservatory
- Parking For At Least Three Cars

**KENNINGTON** £176,950



- Two Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- 15' Lounge, Gas Central Heating
- No Onward Chain

**KENNINGTON**

£450,000



- Five Bedrooms, Two En-suites
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Garage, Double Glazing

**SOUTH WILLESBOROUGH** £239,995



- Four/Five Bedroom Townhouse
- En-suite, Bathroom, Shower Room
- Kitchen/Diner Of Over 19'
- Garage

**PARK FARM** £265,000



- Four Bedrooms, Master En-suite
- 2 Receptions, Downstairs Cloakroom
- Fitted Kitchen With Appliances, Utility
- Garage, Secluded Garden

**PARK FARM** £246,500



- 4 Bedroom, Master With En-suite
- Over 19' Lounge
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Corner Plot

**PARK FARM** £214,995



- Three Bedrooms, Master En-suite
- UPVC Double Glazing, GCH
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Walled Garden, Garage, Parking

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- Situated Close to Town
- Garage & Parking
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- One bedroom House
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- Available Now

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- Brand New Furnished Property
- One Bedroom
- Allocated parking
- Available Mid Jan

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*INSTRUCTION*

- Brand New Unfurnished House
- One Bedroom
- Allocated parking
- Available Mid Jan

ASHFORD £475.00

**LET**

- One Bedroom House
- End Terrace
- Good Location
- Garage

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**LET**

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Situated in Orchard Heights
- Modern interior

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**LET**

- Two bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Situated in Orchard Heights
- Kitchen/Diner

ASHFORD £635.00

**LET**

- Situated in Kennington
- 2 Bedroom House
- Modern Interior
- Garage

**NEW INSTRUCTIONS**  
**Brand New Properties TO LET**

**One Bedroom House**  
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**Two Bedroom House**  
£625.00 pcm

**Three Bedroom House**  
£695.00 pcm

ASHFORD £550.00

- One Bedroom Flat
- Furnished
- Modern Kitchen
- Close to Town

ASHFORD £585.00

- Two Double Bedroom Apartment
- Bathroom & En-suite
- Kitchen with Appliances
- Laminate Floor Throughout

REPTON PARK £625.00

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Brand New Property
- Good Access to M20
- Available Now

KINGSNORTH £650.00

- Two Bedroom House
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garden

ASHFORD £695.00

- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Off road parking
- Available Now

WILLESBOROUGH £695.00

**Picture Awaited**

*INSTRUCTION*

- Three bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Fitted Kitchen
- Available March

ASHFORD £750.00

- Three Bedrooms
- Master Bed with En-suite
- Modern Property
- Garden

KENINGTON £875.00

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Conservatory
- MUST BE VIEWED

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- Detached 3 Bed Bungalow In Pretty Hamlet
- Country Walks. Pub Close By
- Secluded Garden. No Onward Chain

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**ASHFORD** OIRO £325,000

- Rural. 4 Beds. 2 Bath. ORP 12-18 Cars
- Large Home/Plot. Scope For Extending/Loft
- Amazing Potential. No Chain

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**ST MICHAELS** £285,000

- 4 Bedroom Detached
- En-Suite To Master Bedroom
- Near Amenities. End Of Chain

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**WOODCHURCH** PRICE RANGE £275,000-£285,000

- Beautifully Presented. 3 Bedroom Home
- Single Garage. Conservatory. Cloakroom
- Refurbished. Village Location. No Chain

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**ST. MICHAELS** £275,000

- 3 Bed Extended. Luxury Fitted Kitchen
- Detached Double Garage
- Large Garden. End Of Chain

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**ASHFORD** £269,950

- 4 Bedroom Detached. 3 Reception Rooms
- En-Suite. Utility. Cloakroom
- Landscape Garden. Double Garage

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**ST MICHAELS** £240,000

- 3 Bedroom House. Good Order
- Quiet Residential Mews
- Walking Distance Of Shops & Schools

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**KENNINGTON** £235,000

- Large 3 Bed House Arranged Over 3 Floors
- Master Bed With En-Suite & Dressing Room
- Adjoining Garage. Driveway

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**ASHFORD** PRICE RANGE £230,000-£250,000

- Older Style Detached
- 4 Bedrooms
- Ample Parking

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**CHARING** PRICE RANGE £217,000-£227,000

- 3 Bed. Light Modern Interior. Zurich Warranty
- Cloakroom. Kitchen/Diner. 2 Gardens
- Double Glazing. Gas Central Heating

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**ASHFORD** PRICE RANGE £208,000-£212,000

- Kitchen/Diner. Decent Size Private Garden
- 3 Beds. Re-Furbished Bathroom. DG
- Luxury Fitted Wardrobes. No Chain

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**CHARTFIELDS** PRICE RANGE £188,000-£195,000

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- Modern Well Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
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**KENNINGTON** £179,995

- 3 Bed End Of Terrace. Driveway
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- Approx. 30' x 30' Rear Garden

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- Courtyard Garden. Workroom
- No Onward Chain

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**ASHFORD** OIRO £120,000

- 2 Double Beds. Walk To Town/Station
- Modern Kitchen. Large Private Garden
- Double Glazed. No Onward Chain

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**OIEO £580,000**

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**£499,995**

- Immaculate Exec. 5 Bed. Det. + Gge
- Non-Estate. Extensive Conservatory
- Secluded Position Overlooking Woods



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**£400,000**

- 8 Beds. Re-development Opportunity STPP
- Approx. One Eighth Acre Plot
- Sea Views to South East



**PARK FARM**

**£355,000**

- Substantial 4 Bed Det. & Dble. Gge
- High Spec. Kitchen / Breakfast Room
- 3 Recip. - Secluded Garden



**KENNINGTON**

**£330,000**

- 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Private Lane. Established ... Acre Plot
- Rarely Available. NO FORWARD CHAIN



**KNIGHTS PARK**

**£315,000**

- Executive 4 Bed. Det. & Gge
- Large Conservatory & Private Garden
- Corner Position - NO CHAIN



**KENNINGTON**

**£310,000**

- 4 Bedroom Detached + Det.D.Gge
- Large Kitchen/Breakfast. Sep. Dining Room
- Immaculate Throughout. MUST BE VIEWED



**PARK FARM**

**OIEO £275,000**

- 4/5 Bed. Det. + Gge, + Conservatory
- New Bespoke Kit. 2 En-Suites + Bathroom
- INTERNAL VIEWING ESSENTIAL



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## The Smart Move



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**PARK FARM**

**£229,995**

- 3 Double Bed. Detached & Gge
- Corner Plot. Secluded Garden
- Viewing Highly Recommended



**PARK FARM**

**£209,995**

- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached + Gge
- Immaculate Presentation. Integrated Kitchen
- South Facing Garden. Close Furley Park Sch



**WOODCHURCH**

**£180,000**

- 2 Dble Bed Park Home. Corner Plot
- Fitted Kitchen. Lounge/Diner
- Views to Woodchurch Windmill



**PARK FARM**

**£172,500**

- 2 Bedroom Terraced. 2 ORP Spaces
- Immaculate Presentation. Re-Fitted Kit
- Viewing Highly Recommended



**HOTHFIELD**

**£169,995**

- 3 Bedroom End Terrace & ORP
- Semi-Rural Village Location
- Large Kit. / Diner. NO CHAIN



**ASHFORD**

**£164,995**

- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Superb Kitchen & Bathroom
- Viewing Highly Recommended



**KENNINGTON**

**£156,950**

- 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Large Kitchen/Diner
- NO CHAIN



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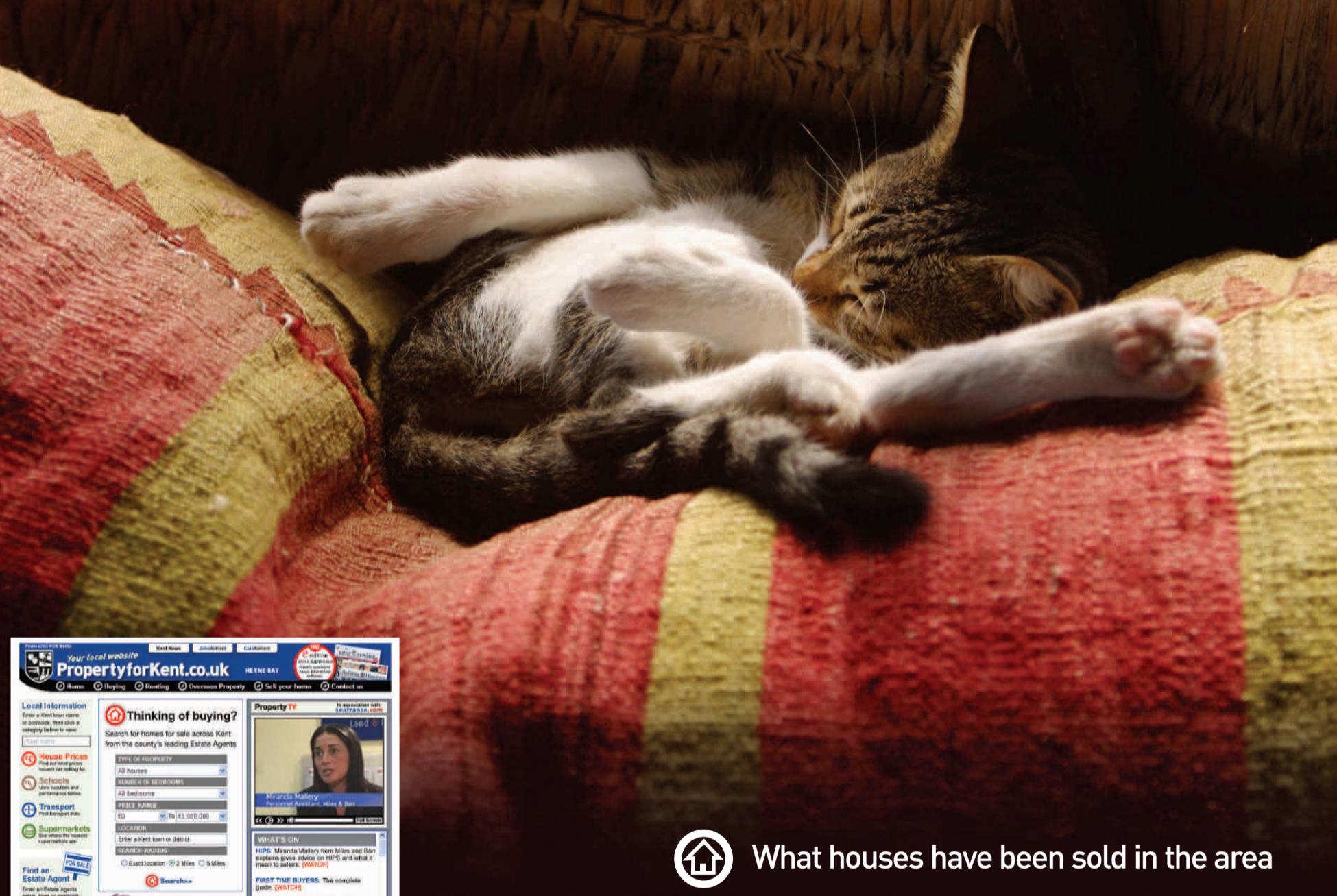


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## MOTORS NEWS



### Barretts' top three slot in Land Rover 'tech trek'

STAFF at Barretts Land Rover Canterbury came third in the three-day national final of the Land Rover G4 Trek, based on the brand's notorious global G4 Challenge.

The podium finish and 'best driving and winching team' award for (left to right) parts specialist Peter Bourlet, service manager David Parkin and technician Terry Law was achieved against 125 teams.

The challenge comprised off-roading, mountain biking, bridge building, navigation, quizzes, a slalom canoe race and a 'zip wire' ride.



### Loyal Skoda dealer joins January sales

SALE shoppers at Gillingham's Hempstead Valley Centre can see some of the latest products from Skoda – the motor market's most improved brand – from next Monday to Friday (January 14-19).

Locally based Sherlodge Garage is one of Skoda's longest serving UK dealers and has seen the Czech firm – now owned by Germany's VW – reborn as a champion of modern yet still affordable cars. The Sherlodge stand outside Marks and Spencer includes the all-new Fabia supermini, Roomster Scout mini-MPV (pictured) and family-size Octavia hatchback.



### Happy Nissan New Year

NISSAN dealers across Kent have started 2008 with a bang with cracking deals on top models, including the brand's big new hit – the Qashqai crossover model.

Part SUV (sports utility vehicle) and part family hatch, the Sunderland-built Qashqai is available in both front-wheel drive or 4x4 format and with engines to suit all needs and though Nissan has struggled to meet demand, it is offering a three-year zero per cent finance deal on the range and packages on other key models.



**SMALL AND COMPACT:** The Mitsubishi iCar is marketed at the iPod generation who have a greener conscience and also signals things to come for car use in the future

# Mitsubishi's city baby poses an image problem

MITSUBISHI has an image dilemma.

Having hewn a niche as a supplier of rough tough 4x4s and the wannabe cowboys' pin-up, the L200 pick-up, it is fast becoming a champion of 'small is beautiful' too.

Following up on the excellent Colt supermini, the Japanese marque launched the futuristic iCar last year, but either underestimated demand, couldn't import enough or shied away from causing further confusion about its image.

Whatever the answer, the initial import of 300 iCars was snapped up and Mitsubishi plans to bring in 1,500 this year, though this still looks conservative.

Part of the problem is that it cannot meet home market demand for the iCar, fuelled by a name intended to appeal to the iPod generation and its greener conscience.

OK, it is expensive at £9,084 and not particularly great to drive, but the iCar moves four in comfort with decent headroom and baggage space and nips into tiny spaces, outdoing the smart fortwo city car where smaller dimensions are achieved at the cost of two seats.

## ROAD TEST

### MITSUBISHI iCAR

BY STEVE LOADER

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Like the smart, the iCar has a rear-mounted engine driving the rear wheels through an auto 'box, but a longer wheelbase makes it better at ironing out uneven roads.

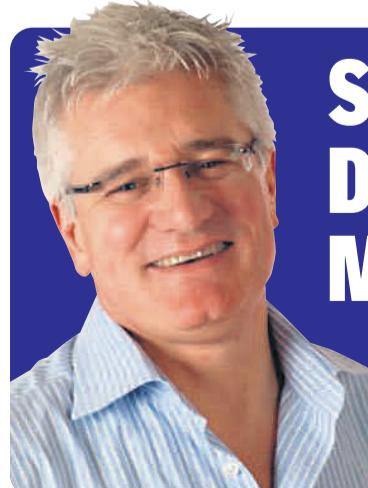
The 0-62mph 'sprint' is not bad at 14.9 seconds, but the engine is raucous under pressure and the auto gearshifting ragged, although this can be smoothed using manual selection for 2nd and 3rd and also offers better control in tricky conditions.

Averaging 55mpg is also not that impressive – the excellent Fiat Panda is far better value, calls for fewer compromises and is not shamed by the iCar's consumption figure.

Other niggles need to be addressed, such as the fiddly dashboard immobiliser/alarm control and temperamental MP3 connection – a machine called the iCar had to be iPod compatible didn't it?

Nevertheless, the teardrop-shape iCar is a brave effort and signals things to come for car use; Mitsubishi plans a zero-emission electric version for 2009 with a 100-mile range and a 20-minute recharge to 80 per cent of full power – with Government subsidies, it could cost £12,765.

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**C1**, 1.0i Rhythym 5dr, 2007, hatch, carline grey, £7495, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.0i Cool 5dr, 2007, hatch special edition, white, £6995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

**C2**, 1.1i SX 3dr 2004, 1.1i sx 3dr hatch, black, £5495, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

**DAEWOO**

**DAEWOO NUBIRA** 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se mot july 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

**FORD**

**KA**, Style, 02, Ford KA Style 2002, colour black body/bumpers, mileage 47528, mot 1 year until dec08, tax up to may08 2 lady owners, contact mob 07837895572, black, 47528 miles, £2250, Rochester, 01364317348 (PRIVATE)

**FIESTA**, 1.25 Style 5dr, red, 12454 miles, £6999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, Style 1.4i Climate, 2005, moondust silver with charcoal special trim, 35000 miles, £5995, JMM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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**TROOPER**, Swb DT Light 4x4 Utility, ad53 mwv, central locking, electric front windows, cloth upholstery, air conditioning, red, 68200 miles, £5695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**JAGUAR**

**S-TYPE**, V6 Auto, ls03 ksx, remote central locking, remote alarm, fog lamps, parking sensor, traction control, air conditioning, cruise control, abs, trip computer, centre armrest, alloy wheels, blue, 58700 miles, £9955, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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**CARENS**, 2.0 CRDI LX 5dr, blue, 35265 miles, £4799, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

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**DEFENDER**, 110 TDI High Capacity, 10634054, power steering, tow pack, 4x4, truckman top, £7995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

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**CLIO**, 2.0 Sport 16v 172 Cup, metallic paintwork, black metallic, 2003, 23080 miles, black, £6990, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Ashford, 0845 371 0201 (TRADE)

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**CLIO**, 1.4 Expression + Hatchback 5d 1390cc, 52 2002, remote central locking, air conditioning, full body colour, service history, 1 owner, metallic silver, miles, £4795, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 60685 (TRADE)

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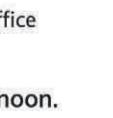
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37 hrs per week. Salary starting from £16,284 per annum.

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## Curriculum Support Assistant Music

18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.

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## Curriculum Support Assistant – Beauty

18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: 04/118/KOS



## Learning Support – Independent Living & Leisure Skills

37 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,284 pro rata per annum. One Year fixed term post

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18.5 hrs per week. Salary starting from £14,464 pro rata per annum.

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## Central Administrator

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## CANTERBURY CAMPUS

### Computing Services

#### Computer Liaison Officer (Two Posts)

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum

Following a restructure of our Computing Services Department, we're seeking two additional experienced professionals to join the Computing Liaison Team. As part of this small team, you'll proactively develop the department's relationship with the faculties - you'll also identify the potential benefits of IT, help to establish business cases, and meet the needs of key stakeholders in this field.

Educated to degree level, you'll combine project management experience with the proven ability to enable the interaction of IT and business operation. It's also important that you are an excellent communicator who is comfortable liaising at all levels of our organisation. A specific background in IT support would be an advantage, as would experience of developing service level agreements. Ref: CLO/CS/77.

Interview date: 21 & 22 February 2008.

#### Web Systems Administrator/ Programmer

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum (A higher salary  
may be available for an exceptional candidate)

As part of our Infrastructure Group, you'll provide expert technical support and development across our IT infrastructure. You will take responsibility for a number of key web services - and make a real contribution to our strategic projects, including an integrated identity management system.

Along with experience of web application development technologies and IIS/Windows Server administration, you'll need good interpersonal skills, a flexible approach, and familiarity with internet protocols. Ideally, you will have a working knowledge of C#, .Net, SQL, and XHTML - as well as a strong understanding of web technologies such as ADO, AJAX, ASP, XML and CSS. Ref: WSA2/CS/77.

For an informal discussion on either of these vacancies, please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.

### Student Support & Guidance

#### Student Adviser (Dyslexia & Neuro-Diversity)

£22,332 to £24,403 per annum

You will be responsible for prospective and registered students with dyslexia and neuro-diverse conditions (such as dyspraxia and Asperger syndrome), ensuring that the University provides appropriate support for their needs. We are seeking a team member to provide advice, guidance and information to students and to advise other University staff on appropriate, reasonable adjustments to enable access to the curriculum and all aspects of student life.

You will be educated to at least A level standard or equivalent and be able to demonstrate that you have broad experience of working in a supportive capacity with people with neuro-diverse conditions (in either an educational or voluntary sector setting). Further study or professional development in the field of dyslexia and/or neuro-diversity would be advantageous. Ref: SA/SSG/77.

### Library Services

#### Faculty Liaison Librarian (Health & Social Care)

£25,134 to £26,666 per annum

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic librarian to join the Academic Services team at a busy University Library. You will be responsible for sharing academic liaison for the Health & Social Care Faculty, and will contribute to the provision of a library service which is responsive to the needs of all students and staff.

A qualified librarian, you should have previous professional library experience, ideally within the university sector. Excellent presentation and communication skills, along with a good working knowledge of information resources, are essential. You must have a commitment to continued professional development and be able to work independently, as well as part of a team. Ref: FLL2/LS/77.

### Sport Science, Tourism and Leisure

#### Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Sport and Exercise Science (Biomechanics)

£26,666 to £40,335 per annum

Applications are invited for a full-time post of Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Sport and Exercise Science to teach Biomechanics on a range of undergraduate programmes as well as contributing to the Department's expanding research programme. Applicants who can also contribute to other areas of sport and exercise science including research methods will be particularly welcome.

Applicants should possess a relevant first and/or higher degree and ideally should also possess a research degree and BASES accreditation. Ref: BIO/SSTL/77.

Informal enquiries to the Head of Department, Dr Chris Bull on 01227 782334.

The starting date is 1 April 2008 or as soon as possible thereafter.

### Campus Services

#### Security Porter

£13,739 to £15,300 per annum

You will be responsible for maintaining the general security of the University premises including residential and office accommodation, maintaining CCTV surveillance, setting intruder and fire alarms and reacting to breaches of security. There will be some receptionist and switchboard duties particularly at nights and weekends.

You will have previous security related experience preferably within an educational establishment or similar, be of smart appearance with demonstrable interpersonal skills. You will have excellent communication skills and be able to use the telephone and e-mail systems. A relevant SIA licence will be an advantage.

Shift allocations and duties are variable and flexibility is required. There will be both day and night shift working at any one of our sites although this post will be predominantly a night shift post and you must recognise this as part of the role. Ref: SP4/CAM/77.

### Accommodation Office

#### Security Caretaker (20 hours)

£13,739 to £15,300 per annum pro rata

The University has a wide range of student accommodation housing some 1,500 students in either self-catering flats or in catered halls spread over different sites, both on and off campus. During vacations they are also available for conferences and commercial letting.

You will be an integral part of a small team which helps to secure and maintain the student living environment at the University Halls of Residence sites.

With a background in caretaking/security in the public sector you will be able to deliver an excellent level of customer service, possess good communication and interpersonal skills and have a 'can do' approach to minor repairs, maintenance and general duties.

The hours of work will be Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday.  
Ref: SC2/ACC/77.

#### Night Warden (Two Posts)

£13,739 to £15,300 per annum

The University has a wide range of student accommodation housing some 1,500 students in either self-catering flats or in catered halls. The accommodation is spread over different sites, both on and off campus in Canterbury and during vacations they are available for conferences and commercial letting.

Reporting to the Accommodation Services Manager you will help to secure and maintain the student living environment on the University Halls of Residence sites working a varied shift roster any 5 days out of 7, mainly night shifts. The successful applicant, will nevertheless, need to be flexible and with due notice (usually a month's notice of change) accept shift changes readily.

With a background in caretaking/security in the public sector you will be able to deliver as part of a central security team an excellent level of customer service to students, staff and visitors to the University. You will also have good communication and interpersonal skills. Ref: NW1/ACC/77.

### Campus Catering Services

#### Executive Head Chef

£25,134 to £26,666 per annum

Working with the Front of House and Catering Systems Manager this is a key managerial post to move the catering service forward.

With at least NVQ Level 2/3 in Food Preparation and Cooking you will have worked in an institutional catering environment at Head Chef level. You will also be in possession of a current Intermediate Food Hygiene Certificate and have been actively involved (preferably led) the introduction of HACCP into a food production kitchen.

You should be conscientious with flair and creativity and be keen to lead an excellent culinary team towards continuing success. Proven leadership skills, financial acumen, communication skills and flair, imagination and enthusiasm for food are essential as is the ability to work in a very busy environment. Ideally you will have experience of working in Higher Education. Ref: EHC1/CAT/77.

### Department of Childhood Studies (Location to be confirmed)

#### Lecturer/Senior Lecturer - Physical Education

£27,466 to £40,335 per annum

You will be a dynamic member of staff working with the existing Physical Education team at an exciting time, when new initiatives are being designed and implemented. You will teach across a range of programmes, including the BA/BSc Physical Education and Sport & Exercise Science, and also will make significant contributions to the ongoing development of Physical Education at the University

You will have a Masters degree (or a commitment to undertake one) and be familiar with current national and international developments and issues in the field of Physical Education. Experience of, or research interest in Inclusion and/or social and cultural aspects of Physical Education are desirable. Ref: LSL9/CHS/77.

Informal enquiries to the Programme Director Paul Carney on 01227 782877 or paul.carney@canterbury.ac.uk

### Department of Educational Research & NICER

#### Research Fellow in Early Years (Fixed Term for 2 years)

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Attached to an early years project on character and values education, you will carry out fieldwork, be responsible for analysis and literature reviews and contribute to the writing of reports and materials for a new project beginning in the Autumn Term 2007.

You will be enthusiastic and committed, contributing towards a dynamic and ambitious group of researchers and practitioners. Your subject background will be less important than strong generic research skills, the ability to deliver work of the highest quality and to work as part of a team. Ref: RF1/TEM/77.

For an information discussion, please contact Professor James Arthur on 01227 782277.

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## MEDWAY CAMPUS

### Allied Health Professions

#### Senior Lecturer in Speech & Language Therapy (0.5fte)

£32,796 to £40,335 per annum pro rata

We are looking for an HPC-registered Speech and Language Therapist to join the enthusiastic SLT team supporting the Post Graduate Diploma in Speech and Language Therapy delivered jointly with University of Greenwich.

You will have expertise in working with adults with communication disorders, and although not essential, you may also have an interest in voice, applied linguistics, adult learning disabilities, or hearing impairment. You will develop this as a key role with existing colleagues from Canterbury Christ Church University and University of Greenwich. You will hold a relevant degree and be interested in extending your professional profile. Ref: SLT1/AHP/77.

For informal discussion, please contact Professor Kate Springett, Head of Department, on 01227 782935 or kate.springett@canterbury.ac.uk or Marian McCormick on 01634 894432 or marian.mccormick@canterbury.ac.uk

Closing date: 1 February 2008.

## SALOMONS' CAMPUS, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

### Computing Services

#### Campus Support Lead

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum

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Having previously worked in a Computing Support environment, you must be an experienced IT professional with plenty of initiative. Self-motivation and flexibility are essential in this role, along with good communication skills at all levels. Ref: CSL/CS/77.

For an informal discussion please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.

Application forms and further details are available from [www.canterbury.ac.uk](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk). Alternatively please call 01227 782475 (answerphone) or e-mail [hr@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:hr@canterbury.ac.uk) quoting the appropriate reference. No agencies.

Closing date unless stated: 25 January 2008.

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We have the following opportunities for the right candidates in our Charity Shops working with our teams of dedicated volunteers:-

### Shop Manager, Ashford

37.5 hours per week Monday to Saturday with a day off in the week.

### Shop Manager, Strood

22.5 hours per week to be worked over three days, including alternate Saturdays.

### Retail Assistant, Hythe

13 hours per week, to be worked over two days to include alternate Fridays and Saturdays.

For all posts you will need:-

- Retail experience, preferably in the charity sector
- Excellent people and Customer Service skills
- To be numerate and able to keep good records
- Ability to undertake moving and handling within our guidelines, our shops premises have several floors
- Excellent organisation skills
- To be able to train and work alongside our excellent volunteers as part of a team.

For an application pack call our recruitment line on 01795 845295 stating the post you are interested in.

For an informal chat call Claire Jordan, Trading Manager on 01795 845202.

Closing Date: 23rd January, 2007

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### Social Worker (Specialist Palliative Care)

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Location: The Wisdom Hospice, Rochester

Managing your own caseload, you will assess and respond to the needs of adults facing serious illness, death and bereavement, with opportunities to work with individuals, families and in groups. As an advocate for service users who are at the end of life, you will deal with complex practice issues and ethical dilemmas. You will work within a small team of specialist social workers who are integrated into the multi-professional team, and work in partnership with health colleagues to provide high quality, seamless, therapeutic care. The service is provided across the Medway and Swale area, where service users are seen in the community, on the ward and in Day Hospice.

Within a supportive work environment, you will receive excellent supervision and mentoring opportunities including the chance to attend relevant internal and external courses.

In addition to a DipSW or CQSW, you must have demonstrable post qualification experience of working with people affected by serious illness. You must be registered, or in the process of registering with the GSCC. A full driving licence is essential.

**Any offer of employment for this post will be subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.**

For an informal discussion, please contact Ann McMurray, Social Work Manager, Palliative Care or Marilyn Russell, Senior Practitioner on 01634 830456.

Closing date: 25 January 2008

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Marketing team is hand-picked for success

THE company running one of Kent's most prestigious hotels has landed a top accolade at national marketing awards.

Hand Picked Hotels, which runs Chilston Park Hotel in Lenham, won the award for best marketing activity on a small budget at the Hotel Marketing Association's 14th annual marketing awards at the Intercontinental Hotel in Park Lane.

The award was for a marketing drive for the company's 14 country house hotels – including Chilston Park, a 17th-century manor house set in 23 acres of countryside.

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### Investor expands by buying landmark hotel

A LANDMARK hotel has been bought by a property investment group as part of its expansion plans in Kent.

GSE Cheriton Parc Limited, based in Ashford, has acquired Hythe Imperial Hotel with a funding package from The Royal Bank of Scotland.

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PRIVATE businesses squeezed by growing red tape and health and safety issues are turning more and more to an independent group which advises and fights for them.

The national Forum of Private Business (FPB) – contacted regularly by Kent-based firms – is funded by members and offers a range of products and services aimed at saving money and providing practical help with all aspects of running a small business.

Ian Cox, of RS Piper Ltd, a Folkestone company making engineering components and exhaust systems, said he had used the FPB's legal helpline regularly.

"So often, when you go to see a lawyer, you end up no better off. We've used the FPB's legal helpline three times in the last six months for advice on employment law and other legal issues and we got results."

Phil McCabe, FPB's media officer, said advisers can offer practical information to owner-managers of member firms faced with staff disputes, who often feel they have nowhere else to turn for legal information.

Members can now also take advantage of the FPB's new employment guide to help them negotiate complexities of employment law.

FPB's senior member services representative, Philip Moody, said it could also help firms cope with changes in the workplace, which often unsettled workers.

He said: "I would urge them to call the helpline whenever they make any changes in the workplace, rather than leaving it until there is a problem with staff. The sooner assistance can be given to ward off potential disputes, the better."

Over the last month there was a sharp increase in the number of enquiries regarding actual or prospective redundancies, with 16 per cent of all callers seeking help, but about a third of all calls related to employee conduct.

Employee absence, including unauthorised absence, remains a problem for small businesses. About 19 per cent of all the calls received in December were related to difficulties created by members of staff not turning up for work.

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**GOAL MACHINE:** Mark Lovell (pictured playing for Dover) hopes to keep scoring to help new side Ashford Town move up the league

## Green slump to another defeat

BROMLEY Green narrowly lost 3-2 to Snodland in their first league game since November.

The defeat leaves the Willesborough club 11th in the Kent League Premier Division, nine points above the drop zone at the halfway point in the season.

They have games in hand on the teams above them, but are without a win since the away victory against Lewisham Borough in September.

Green will be keen to end the win-less run this Saturday when they travel to take on Rusthall. The Tunbridge Wells side lie two places and five points above Bromley, but have not won since October.

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 Gillis boss Mark Stimson talks about his top targets in the transfer window

## Cricket clubs to join forces

THE proposed merger of two Ashford cricket clubs was due to be decided last night by members at Ashford Cricket Club at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Members were expected to vote at their club house in Ball Lane on joining Old Stacians Cricket Club ahead of the new season.

Old Stacians gave the go-ahead in November when members voted for the merger by 23 votes for to three against with one abstention. The club faced financial difficulties and estimated there were only 18 months left to save the club.

If Ashford approve the move, a special EGM will be held later in the month to pass a new constitution. The club will be one entity, but the trustees will remain separate in the short term to allow a split if there are any financial or legal difficulties.

One major issue will be the name of the new club. Old Stacians are keen on including 'Stacians' in the title.

Ashford CC were scheduled to hold their EGM in December, but it was postponed until last night.



**ASSIST:** Ashford Town defender Danny Braithwaite set up skipper Sean Ray's equaliser before Nuts and Bolts striker Mark Lovell secured a win against Horsham YMCA in the final ten minutes

## Nuts and Bolts show mettle to grab victory

**FOOTBALL**

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### Horsham YMCA 1 Ashford Town 2

who drilled a fierce drive across Moore into the far bottom corner to give John Suter's men the lead.

Paul Jones had an effort cleared off the line for Town before Matt Russell clipped the bar with a bullet header for Horsham.

Town battled hard in the second half, but were prevented from playing any free-flowing football.

From a corner in the 53rd minute, Town drew level. Danny Braithwaite's in-swinging centre was met by Town skipper Ray, who thumped the header into the top corner.

Ashford continued to bombard the Horsham defence and it finally paid off in the 83rd minute. Paul Jones made his way into the area before pulling the ball back on the by-

line, where it was met by Lovell who had the simplest of tap-ins to wrap up the points for his side.

The Nuts and Bolts manager told Yourashford that he still has hopes for the play-offs at the end of the season, but his team must go on a winning run this month to stand any chance.

He said: "January is a very important month for us. I think we have four or five games and if you can have a good run in those you might need to look at the squad and wonder how far we can go."

"There is no point getting people in if the season is not going to go anywhere. It is important that we pick up two or three decent results in January and hopefully we can push on from there."

"January and February are huge months for us we face some difficult teams to beat. We have just played some of the top sides and did very well against them, so I believe we can rise up the table."

Town are at home to Cray Wanderers on Saturday, kick-off at The Homelands is at 3pm.

## Lovell loves it at Ashford

IN-FORM striker Mark Lovell has been an integral part of the new-look Ashford Town.

Lovell began the season at Andy Hessenthaler's Dover Athletic, before the switch to Ashford, who are managed by his own father Steve.

With two new strikers in the shape of Lee Browning and Shaun Welford joining Dover in November, Lovell decided to move to The Homelands.

Despite scoring five goals for Dover Athletic this season, Hessenthaler could not give Lovell first team football. He could have caused blushes for his former manager on Boxing

**FOOTBALL**

Day, when he almost scored an equaliser for Ashford Town against Dover Athletic.

Dover boss Hessenthaler said: "He is a good lad that is why we brought him to the club in the first place."

"We brought other players in and it didn't work out for Mark. I wish him the best of luck at Ashford."

"He is a really good player on and off the field. I hope he goes on to score more goals for his new side."

On his debut for Ashford, Lovell

scored a crucial equaliser against Burgess Hill Town in November to earn his father's first point in charge of the Nuts and Bolts. Since his first goal in November, Lovell has scored three more times.

His most important to date is his strike against Kingstonian before Christmas earning his side their first win since October.

Steve Lovell, Ashford Town boss, said: "My Mark is a good player and has done well everywhere he has played in his career.

"He is one of those strikers who brings other players into games. I am sure he will keep scoring goals for us here at Ashford."

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Picture SIMON HARRIS

**PENALTY CHARGE:** JJ Murray kicks his way to a match-winning points haul as Ashford moved six points clear of the drop zone with a comprehensive victory against Askeans

# JJ kicks Ashford into mid-table safety zone

## RUGBY

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

### Ashford RFC 39 Askeans RFC 5

FULL-back JJ Murray scored 24 points as Ashford resumed after the winter break with a convincing win to move well clear of the bottom two in Kent 1.

Murray scored two tries, two penalties and three conversions to complete the league double over relegation-threatened Askeans.

Ashford ran out 44-0 winners when the sides met in the autumn and they managed to repeat the performance at Kinney's Field.

Murray missed a penalty after only three minutes, but more pressure from the hosts soon yielded another chance which the full-back tucked away.

Ashford controlled the opening exchanges and a flowing move on 15 minutes ended with Pete Walsh feeding Murray, who cut inside for the first try of the match.

Walsh went over soon afterwards after a strong run from Trevor Marama, which Murray converted to extend the lead to 15-0 with a quarter of the game gone.

Askeans struggled to keep pace against a confident home side and were further adrift at

the break when Murray successfully kicked another penalty.

Karl Harding put the result beyond doubt with a try under the posts after 50 minutes and in a one-sided game, both he and Murray ran over for their second scores of the game to make it 39-5 at full-time.

Injured Ashford captain Paul Lake watched from the sidelines and was pleased what he saw from his team.

He said: "We were a little rusty after the Christmas break but still managed an acceptable team performance with Harding and JJ Murray having excellent games."

On Saturday Ashford face a daunting assignment in the Kent Cup as they visit National League side Canterbury.

# Sunday leagues kick off New Year

Picture: DAVID PARSONS



**ON TARGET:** Ashford Victoria (green) remain on course for the Division Four title after thrashing Ashford Cavaliers Reserves

LYDD began the New Year with a bang as they won a seven-goal thriller away at Aldington to post their first Premier Division win of the season.

The visitors quickly went 2-0 up, but their lead did not last long as Aldington roared back to level the game. Despite a poor record this season, Lydd were able to respond and restored their two-goal advantage.

A late goal from the hosts set up a tense finish but Lydd held on to secure a valuable win.

In the only game in the First Division, Geoff Ross scored twice to help Bocca to a 3-2 win against Fox.

A hat-trick from Danny Cornell put Market Hotel Reserves on the way to a 5-2 win against Egerton. Danny Ball and Ronnie Williams also netted as they stayed in the contention at the top of Division Two.

Mick Hickmott's goal was not enough as Division Three's basement side Brabourne again lost narrowly, going down 2-1 at Newchurch.

## FOOTBALL

Ashford Victoria continued their charge to the Division Four title with a 7-0 demolition of Ashford Cavaliers Reserves. Shane Jupp scored twice, with five other Victoria players getting on the scoresheet before the final whistle.

In the Ashford Charity Trophy Troggs booked their place in the last eight with a routine 4-0 victory over Ashford Spartans. Marcus Peace scored twice, with Richard Moon and Paul Newman adding further goals in the comfortable victory.

Bethersden fought off a spirited comeback from Hamstreet to progress in the Bodkin Cup. Dave Law scored twice as the visitors cruised into a 4-1 lead, but two goals from the hosts set up a rousing finish.

The biggest win of the weekend came in the Division Three Cup, where four goals from Lee Bloxham helped Wye Monarchs to a 12-0 win against Quest.

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## SPORT IN BRIEF

### Win moves Kennington away from danger area

KENT County Division One side Kennington secured maximum points after a 3-0 win against relegation threatened Betteshanger on Saturday.

Kennington claimed their first win of the season and the result moves them out of the relegation zone, which they had occupied since the opening day. They are now just three points adrift of sixth place.

They will hope to continue this form when they take on fourth-placed Guru Nanak on January 19.

### Ladies out for revenge against Old Albanians

ASHFORD Ladies RFC will look to start 2008 with a victory when the RFU Woman's South East 2 League reconvenes on Sunday.

They take on second-placed Old Albanians at Kinney's Field and they will have revenge in their minds following a two point defeat against them back in October.

A win could move Ashford up to fourth in the league ahead of rivals Canterbury ladies, but in order to achieve this they will need to produce a strong performance.

### Strong finish by Sorell seals cross country win

ATHLETES from Ashford Athletics Club had a successful time at the Kent Cross Country Championships last weekend.

In the woman's under-20s race, Sorrell Hunter worked her way through a strong field to claim the last podium spot in third.

The day got better for Ashford AC as Grace Nicholls fought her way through the tough Detling Showground course to finish second behind Invicta's Beth Carter.

Ashford AC also claimed third place in the under-13s team championship.

### Chance to cash in with Ashford Town 200 Club

ASHFORD Town Football club are re-launching the Ashford 200 Club lottery in a bid to help finance its youth set-up.

Each member will pay £2 a week and will have the chance to win a cash prize every month when a winner is drawn. The prize money will be between £40-£100 each month.

The club will distribute 50 per cent of monthly payments each week as prize money and the remaining 50 per cent is used for the benefit of the Ashford Town youth teams.

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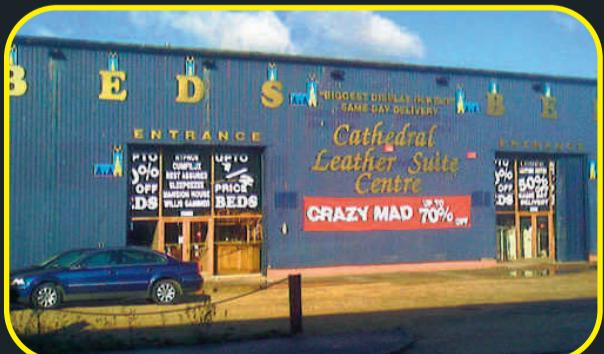
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